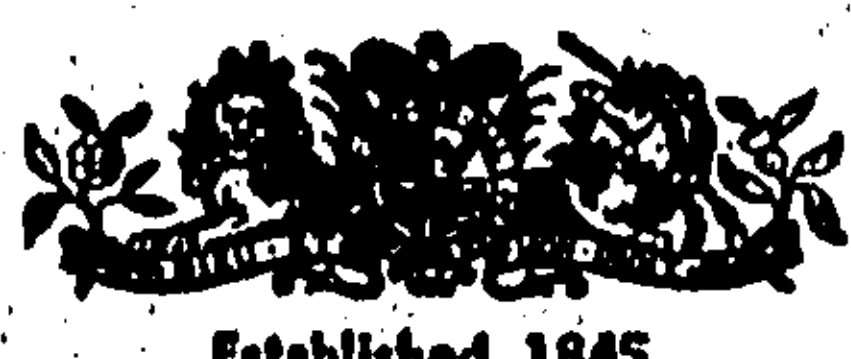


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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Comet Crash

It is unfortunate but true that the general public regard a Comet crash very differently to the way they regard the crash of a piston-engined aircraft. There is something specially significant in a Comet crashing because for one reason it is a jet airliner and, as such, it is unique. It is not that they think it is any less fallible than a propeller-driven plane but the world sees in the Comet a glimpse of long distance air travel of the future. There were, of course, hopes that this new aircraft would prove to be safer than its piston-engined counterpart but many of the older generation feared this high-speed travel was dangerous and that BOAC was being too hasty in introducing jet airliners to fly around the world at the staggering speed of seven miles a minute. It is unfortunate that any distinction is made between the crashings of the two types of aircraft because the result in the loss of human lives is the same. Death is sudden, violent and ugly in both cases. It is also unfortunate that the most obvious inference to be drawn from Thursday's Comet crash—the fifth in almost two years—is that the aircraft are not safe. There are many in the world who believe that jet aircraft and world developments generally are going too fast and it is high time we cut down both the speed of transport and the pace of development. Of all the conclusions one can come to, this is the most dangerous since, psychologically, it constitutes a definite barrier to progress.

BOAC made a bold decision when it ordered its first Comets straight from the drawing boards of De Havillands, before the first prototype had even been built. There was no suggestion whatever of a hit or miss gamble on a new, fast and potentially highly-profitable aircraft. BOAC insisted at the time that the plane be thoroughly and carefully tested before it began service for the corporation. When the Comet finally began service, aeronautical experts said its success was attributable to the programme of research work carried out by the makers while the designs were being prepared and while the Comet was actually being built. Virtually every nut and bolt, every part from the controls and engines to the undercarriage and windows was tested and checked hundreds of times far in excess of normal safety requirements. But three Comets have crashed recently and all disasters have followed a similar pattern—"on reaching or approaching maximum altitude at full power."

APART from the possibility of sabotage, which cannot be discounted, the investigators of Thursday's crash will probably examine the likelihood of a fault occurring in the structure due to some persistent stress or strain peculiar to this aircraft under certain conditions. Examination of the engines of the Comet which crashed off Elba on January 10 shed no light on the mystery and apparently they had nothing to do with the crash. Whatever the reason, the Chairman of BOAC, Sir Miles Thomas, acted correctly when he ordered the suspension of the jet service until the cause of the accidents is ascertained and corrected. It will be a long time before the Comets fly again and the eyes of the world will be on De Havillands and their examination of the guinea-pig airliner, for the future safety of jet air transportation may depend on it.

Socialists And Liberals Score In Belgian Elections

CATHOLICS LOSE MAJORITY

Brussels, Apr. 12. Belgian Socialists claimed last night to have ousted the ruling Catholic Party in the country's fourth postwar general election and are expected to form a coalition with the Liberals.

The Catholics, who with only a slender majority have ruled for four years, would now go into opposition, political observers predicted.

Socialists cheered loudly when M. Paul Henri Spaak, former Prime Minister, announced at the Party Headquarters "The Catholics have lost their majority."

According to some polling officers, the Catholics have lost between eight and 15 per cent of their following. Their losses were even higher in Brussels than in the provinces.

Govt Reprimands Council

WRONG DECISION

London, Apr. 11. The Government tonight told the Socialist-controlled Coventry City Council that they were wrong to disband their civil defence arrangements because of the tremendous power of the hydrogen bomb.

The Coventry City Council decided last week that it was "a waste of public time and money" to carry on with civil defence arrangements in view of the overwhelming devastation caused by the hydrogen bomb.

The Coventry City Council forwarded their decision to Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, the Home Secretary.

Sir David's permanent under-secretary today told the Council that he had been directed to tell them that the Home Secretary "entirely disagrees" with the City Council view.

The Home Office Secretary told the Coventry Council it was "the regularity to continue resolutely with the measures which have been asked to undertake." It added that the Home Secretary wanted the Council to reconsider their decision and hoped to hear soon that the Council had changed their decision about disbanding the city's civil defence arrangements.

REVIEW REQUIRED

The Home Office said that some civil defence measures would have to be reviewed "in the light of recent developments," but it did not think there would be much change in the duties of local authorities which were mainly in the recruiting and training of civil defence volunteers.

It said that local councils should carry on with these duties until any changes were announced by the Home Office.

Alderman Sidney Stringer, Labour leader of the Coventry City Council, who moved the disbanding motion commented: "The reply does not attempt to answer our references to the hydrogen bomb."

"The letter is bound to be considered most seriously by the Civil Defence Committee and the City Council."

"What we want to do is to strengthen the hand of those who want to outlaw the bomb,"—Reuter.

Mossadegh Continues To Put On An Act

Teheran, Apr. 11. The former Premier of Iran, Dr Mohammed Mossadegh, was carried into the Court-room today for the third day of his appeal against his sentence of three years' imprisonment, and started proceedings by asking the Judge for the loan of his spectacles.

He had forgotten his own, he said. It was pointed out that the lenses were different and that they might not suit him. Mossadegh tried them on anyway but said he could not see through them properly. Discussion then got firmly on to the subject of spectacles until a soldier nipped off to fetch the ex-Premier his own pair.

After that Mossadegh slept most of the time with his head in his hand while his lawyer, Colonel Boxaghmer, took copious notes of the long and repetitious evidence and rebuttal.

The Court's competency to deal with the case at all.

It was also contended that Mossadegh should be released on bail, pending the result of the appeal. Mossadegh himself made the point that his detention was being prolonged at instigation from abroad.

This suggestion angered the Army Prosecutor who said that Mossadegh was a traitor and that it was only the "Army's protection" that prevented him from being "killed by the people."

Mossadegh groined in reply that he was going to die in three days anyway and why asked to be given back documents establishing Anglo-Iranian Oil Company extortion and looting of his house. He replied that he would only die if the Court did not let him speak.

Mossadegh is on a "hunger strike" which was described by the Prosecutor as a "fake." He is secretly taking cake, the Prosecutor told an AFP correspondent.—France-Press.

Stabbed With Scissors

Paris, Apr. 11. The Police today were searching for an impulsive dressmaker, Eliza Jann, who used a pair of scissors to jab in the back her former boy friend during a quarrel last night. The man, 34-year-old Yugoslav Tony Zalovi, was taken to hospital where his condition was considered not serious.—France-Press.

Fortress As Strong As Ever

Hanoi, Apr. 11. General Rene Cagny, French Union Commander in North Indo-China, said here today that the reinforced fortress of Dien Bien Phu as strong as when Vietnamese rebels launched their second big onslaught on March 30.

In an interview with Reuter today as the hard-pressed stronghold prepared for the third rebel attack expected daily, General Cagny said the garrison was also in as good quality as it has ever been.

His announcement that there would be many troops in Dien Bien Phu for the next Vietnamese attack as for the last is a triumph by efficient staff officers, daring pilots and determined paratroopers.

The fortress is probably the worst parachute drop in the history of warfare. Dropping of bombs are narrow, hemmed in by barbed wire and minefields and dominated by hostile gun-fire while planes must fly through anti-aircraft fire directed by radar.—Reuter.

OLD PARLIAMENT

In the old Parliament, the Catholics had a majority of four in the 212-member lower house and seven in the Senate. The Socialists, with 77 and 92 seats respectively, were the country's second strongest party.

The Liberals had 20 seats in the lower house and 19 in the Senate, and the Communists seven and three respectively.

In 1950 the Catholics, the only party to back the exiled King Leopold's return to the throne, gained power with the help of non-Catholic Royalists.

Following Leopold's abdication in 1951 in favour of his 23-year-old son, King Baudouin, the "Royal problem" is now dead and observers believed many "Royalist" votes were cast elsewhere in the election.

The splinter Catholic parties, whose appearance in the election further threatened the delicate Catholic majority, ranged from Flemish Nationalists with neo-Nazi leanings to French-speaking right-wingers opposed both to alleged growing Flemish influence and the pardoning of convicted wartime collaborators.

First task of the new Parliament will be to revise the country's 123-year-old Constitution to enable Belgium to play her full part in the European Defence Community and other supranational European bodies.—Reuter.

Terrorists Fear Trap

Nairobi, Apr. 11. A Kenya Government statement issued tonight said: "There is little doubt that the majority of terrorists are now convinced that the whole surrender project was a Government trap designed to bring them together so that they could be slaughtered."

It would be a long process to convince the terrorists that this was not so and no large-scale organized surrenders could be expected in the near future.

But individuals could still surrender if they came out of the forest bearing green branches or with their hands held up above their heads carrying their weapons.

General Erskine said he felt the attempt to induce the terrorists to surrender had been worth while, "It nearly came off."

"Even though the mass surrender attempt has broken down we have gained a tremendous amount of information about Mau Mau,"—Reuter.

ALLEGATION IN WINDING-UP PETITION

Withholding Of Documents Claimed

THE FALCONER CASE

An allegation that in the light of correspondence exchanged and what had actually happened an exhibit referred to in Mr M. W. H. Seymour's affidavit of February 12 was being deliberately withheld from the Court was made by Mr Brook Bernacchi, leading Counsel for the petitioners, when he made an application for the production of documents at the hearing of a petition for the winding up of Messrs George Falconer and Co., (H.K.) Ltd., Union Building, before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould in the Supreme Court this morning.

The petitioner, Mr James Joseph Osborne King, goldsmith and silversmith, of 20 Braga Circuit, is petitioning for the winding up of the Company under the provision of the Companies Ordinance, Cap. 32.

Petitioner is represented by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, Mr D.A.L. Wright and Mr Patrick Yu, all instructed by Mr M.A. da Silva.

The petition is opposed by Mr J.B. Ipekjian and Mr M.W.H. Seymour, shareholders, on behalf of Messrs George Falconer and Co. (H.K.) Ltd., for whom the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr A.J. Clifford, all instructed by Mr G. Hamilton, of Messrs Hastings and Company, are appearing.

Mr R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Mr F. D. Hammond of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master, is appearing for Mr J.B. Ipekjian and Mr M. W. H. Seymour as individual shareholders.

Mr Winter, also instructed by Mr Hammond and also representing Mr J. B. Ipekjian as creditor of the company, and Messrs Ipekjian Bros. as creditors.

Mr W. K. Thomson appears for the Official Receiver as provisional liquidator.

Mr Bernacchi said that before he opened the case he had reluctantly to apply for a one-day adjournment and he asked that it be adjourned with costs in favour of petitioner payable forthwith. He was applying for the application on two separate grounds, both having relation to documents that were necessary to be before the Court and were said before the Court, Counsel said.

In the first place there were a number of documents in the hands of the company in the special managers. It was arranged between Mr da Silva and Mr Hampton about 12 days ago that a summons should be taken out by Messrs Hastings and Company for a consent order that these documents be produced. It was not taken up that Saturday and last Wednesday Mr da Silva again approached Mr Hampton in the matter and urged him to take out the summons without delay, said Mr Bernacchi.

SUMMONS SERVED

Ultimately the summons was served on Mr da Silva on Friday last and Mr Silva duly attended in the waiting room of his Lordship's chambers but no summons was taken out by him. He said that the matter would be dealt with today, Counsel said.

The position was that this order had not been made and it was now before the Court. It was as far as he was concerned a consent order but he had not yet had the opportunity of glancing through the documents and Counsel said he understood from Mr Thompson that they could not be got ready before tomorrow morning. That was the first matter.

The second matter was a very serious one, Mr Bernacchi went on, and referred the Court to paragraph 123 (c) of Mr Seymour's main affidavit of February 12 dealing with a matter relating to a certain transaction which he would have a lot to say in his opening—will Swann, Culbertson and Fritz, which Counsel read.

Mr Bernacchi said that way back on February 9, 1954, notice to admit four documents was served. The documents

were three letters and a cable from Swann, Culbertson and Fritz to the Company, which were read to the Court.

"Now, I am going to say that in the light of the correspondence that has followed and what has in fact happened is that this exhibit MWH547 referred to in paragraph 123(c) of the affidavit is being deliberately withheld from the Court and from us," Mr Bernacchi said.

In answer to his Lordship, Counsel confirmed that the documents were not in the Court's file.

At the time of the notice to admit there was an inspection of all these documents in the notice to admit, and it was his case that in this correspondence MWH547 would be discovered evidence that a profit was made contrary to the statement of Mr Seymour in his affidavit in paragraph 123(f) that there was no profit to any one, Counsel continued.

SAME NUMBER

Mr Bernacchi drew the Court's attention to paragraph 124(10) of the affidavit where possibly owing to a typographical error an exhibit bore the same number as the earlier exhibit dealing with Swann, Culbertson and Fritz.

That document was also missing from the Court files, Mr Bernacchi said.

Counsel next read correspondence passed between Mr da Silva and Messrs Hastings and (Contd. on back page, Col. 6)

Tragedy Ends In Happy Romance

Santa Barbara, Calif., Apr. 11.

Suzan Ball, smiling and calm, walked on her new artificial leg down the aisle to marry actor Dick Long today.

The most heart-warming Hollywood romance of many years was climaxed when the couple exchanged rings in a candle-lit ceremony at the picturesque El Montecito Presbyterian church while 1,200 fans waited outside.

The spectators gasped and murmured when the dark-haired actress, wearing a long white lace gown and veil, walked without crutches from a side door to the main entrance of the church.

She had arrived an hour earlier, wearing slacks and on crutches. Her parents and Universal-International Studio spokesmen up to the last minute said she probably would not be able to wear the artificial leg during the ceremony.

But Suzan, whose right leg was amputated on January 12 because of cancer, walked with a limp and held tightly to the arm of her father, H. Dale Ball.

The Rev. Paul Gammons performed the 10-minute ceremony before an altar banked with pink candles, fern and spring flowers.—United Press.

Communist Demonstration In London

London, Apr. 11. Several thousand Londoners took part in a Communist-organised Hyde Park demonstration urging the abolition of the hydrogen bomb today.

Among those addressing the gathering were Professor Burhop, who said atomic warfare would make Britain uninhabitable, and the former Left-wing Member of Parliament, Mr D. N. Pritt, who denounced the United States policy which, he claimed, prevented French negotiations in Indo-China.—France-Press.

Police Seize Red Paper

Paris, Apr. 11. The Communist weekly L'Humanite Dimanche was seized in a dramatic police raid here today for publishing an inflammatory article on the Indo-Chinese war.

The article in question—a five-column banner across the front-page—was entitled: "The Bloodshed in Indo-China Rises on the New York Stock Exchange."

Shortly after midnight, police surrounded the plant of the Communist paper L'Humanite and, as the delivery trucks rolled out, the police seized them. More than 100,000 copies of the Sunday weekly were confiscated.

Action was taken under Article 10 of the Criminal Code, which permits the seizure of any publication which threatens the "internal or external safety" of the State.

Police in Marseilles seized advance copies of L'Humanite Dimanche. By mid-morning, when most French Catholics were coming out of church, holding their Palm Sunday grocery, raucous-voiced Communist Party members were on the streets peddling a five-franc one-page news sheet.

"The Communist Party speaks to you," proclaimed a black banner at the top, and underneath, in even larger letters, it said: "L'Humanite Dimanche seized because it spoke the truth on the Foster Dulles plan to extend the Indo-China war."—United Press.

Mild Earth Tremor

Nicosia, Cyprus, Apr. 11. A mild, two-second earth tremor was reported here today. It was barely perceptible and there were no casualties or property damages.—United Press.

Sudden Visit To London

Bonn, Apr. 11. The West German Vice-Chancellor, Herr Franz Blucher, left unexpectedly for London tonight on a visit which was believed to be connected with the arrival in London of the US Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles.

The official reason given for his journey was that the Vice-Chancellor was planning "to meet friends of the British Liberal Party."—France-Press.

KIDNAPPED WOMAN MURDERED

Manila, Apr. 12. Wealthy matron, Mrs Damiana Magrill Ongkiko, held captive for 37 days by kidnappers in the Cavite province, was murdered and her body was discovered on a lonely road in that province on Sunday afternoon.

Two 45 calibre slugs were found under her body and a kick in the back from her captives had torn the shabby black dress she was wearing when she was kidnapped.

An autopsy revealed that she bled from four gunshot wounds. Although the army authorities have thrown more troops in the hunt for the kidnappers, no contact was reported till late last night.

The wife of the government auditor, Mrs Ongkiko, was just back from inspecting her farm-lands in the Cavite, when she was seized by the kidnappers. Some 30 miles south of Manila, Cavite province is notorious for banditry and cattle-rustling and was the province where violence flared up violently in the last November election.—France-Press.

Rain Brightens Crops Outlook

Dallas, Texas, Apr. 11. Weekend rains in portions of drought-stricken West Texas and the Lower Rio Grande Valley of South Texas raised farmers' hopes today for the 1954 crops.

Locally heavy storms totalling as much as six inches of rain-fall, drenched areas of West Texas and set off flash floods in the heart of the drought stricken last night. The West Texas rains came only a day after thundershowers dumped from six to 12 inches of moisture on the rich Lower Rio Grande Valley and brightened prospects for cotton crops.

More than 100 persons were forced from their homes by the floods. The Hidalgo County Health Officer, Dr. Charles Miller, ordered typhoid shots administered to more than 300 residents of Alamo, where sewers and septic tanks overflowed.—United Press.

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McCarthy Dispute: "No Effect On Party Unity"

REPUBLICAN ON G.O.P. DIFFERENCES

Washington, Apr. 11.

Republican National Chairman Mr. Leonard W. Hall said today that GOP differences over Senator Joseph R. McCarthy are not "as big as they seem to be" and have "no effect" on party unity.

Mr. Hall, interviewed on the NBC-TV "Youth Wants To Know," programme, turned aside most questions on the McCarthy-Army row but did say it has been "blown up" beyond its importance.

He said that while the controversy has the effect of taking attention away from President Eisenhower's legislative programme, the programme nevertheless "is going along in splendid fashion."

Mr. Hall said it would not be "appropriate" for him to comment further on the "McCarthy situation" because it was now being studied by the Senate investigating subcommittee.

The subcommittee is scheduled to meet in a closed session tomorrow to decide how to run the public hearings on Senator McCarthy's fight with the Army.

Senator McCarthy, returning to the capital after a trip to Arizona, has said he will not vote on any decisions involved in the investigation. Senator Karl E. Mundt (Republican, South Dakota) is acting as chairman in Senator McCarthy's stead.

Asked if he thinks President Eisenhower agrees with Senator McCarthy's policies, Mr. Hall said he could not speak for the President. He said, however, that he thinks the Wisconsin Republican generally has voted for the Administration's programme in the Senate.

The GOP Chairman also was asked if any steps are being taken to prevent such issues as the McCarthy-Army dispute from re-occurring. He replied that the "basic control over any Senator" belongs to the voters in his home state.

At its meeting tomorrow, the subcommittee may pick additional staff members to work with special counsel Ray H. Jenkins on the inquiry.

WHAT CHARGES?
Senator Mundt has said that both Senator McCarthy and the Army should let it be known in advance what witnesses they want to call and what charges they intend to make. This would permit the subcommittee to settle some points before the hearings begin on April 22.

One such ruling will be whether Senator McCarthy should be allowed to cross-examine witnesses who testify against him, as he has demanded.

The investigation will concern an Army report charging that Senator McCarthy and Roy M. Cohn, the regular subcommittee counsel, used pressure to get favours for G. David Schine, drafted former staff consultant. It will also consider Senator McCarthy's charge that the Army tried to "blackmail" him out of investigating Communists.

Representative Chet Holifield (Democrat, California), a member of the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee, was asked on the CBS television show, "Man of the Week," about Senator McCarthy's charge of an 18-month delay in hydrogen bomb research. Senator McCarthy implied the purported delay was caused by subversive elements.

Mr. Holifield said the theory of the H-bomb was advanced at the same time as that of the atomic bomb, but work was started on the A-bomb because it was deemed more feasible. After the Russians exploded an A-bomb, he said, the US decided to go ahead with the H-bomb. He said there was a great difference of opinion in 1940 about whether to produce the bomb. He said that in 1940 the Atomic Energy Commission it-

Hair Shaved Off For Playing Truant

Salonika, Apr. 11.
Two teenage girl students who ran away from school near here with dreams of film stardom in Hollywood were punished by having their hair shaved off.
The girls, Styliani Bazika, 15, and Eudoxia Kalathia, 16, were caught by the police and handed back to the parents for punishment. They were also barred from school for three days.
—China Mail Special.

Dispute At Cannes But Jap Film Wins

Cannes, France, Apr. 11.
More than 600 weary movie critics and personalities left here today after the 7th International Film Festival of Cannes reached its climax yesterday with the announcement of a list of awards meant to please everybody but which, in fact, was disappointing for most.

The awards were the culmination of more than eight hours of solid and heated discussion among the 12-member jury which held a last-minute session only half an hour before the time of announcement in order to work out a satisfactory compromise.

The Grand Prix awarded to the Japanese film "Jikkoku-mon" (Hell's Gate) was itself a compromise to end a bitter battle that raged within the jury almost from the start of the festival on March 25, between those wanting to give the prize to Hollywood's "From Here to Eternity" and those determined to prevent the United States from getting its first Cannes award.

The consensus among experts here was that this film which won eight "Oscars" was head and shoulders above all the other films shown, but the award of a record number of "Oscars" to "From Here to Eternity" actually served the interest of its opponents.

They argued successfully that there was no point in the Cannes jury adding yet one more reward to a film that had already won world recognition. Consequently, the jury decided to put the film above competition which in other words meant "From Here to Eternity" was in a class of its own and too good for the rest of the entries.

NOT UNANIMOUS
The award to the Japanese film was not unanimous. At least four of the jury members favoured Britain's "Monsieur Ripoli" (Kisses of France) directed by France's René Clément, starring French Gerard Philpote and two-thirds snatched by French capital. The Ripoli supporters lost after several meetings.

The winning film "Jikkoku-mon" an Eastern colour production directed by Teinosuke Kinugasa, was probably the most controversial film of the Festival.

The jury saw it before the festival actually started and it was mentioned as a major contestant for the top award after its public showing. Heated discussions arose between its supporters and opponents.

It is the powerfully told story of the passionate love of a national hero for another man's wife in 12th Century Japan. It is a true historical episode well known to the Japanese people. The direction, colour, photography and acting were all rated excellent by many but the slow action of the film and the unoriginality of the story—United Press.

Moscow, Apr. 11.
The first issue of "Parityna Jizn," the new magazine of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party, which is to have a 425,000 circulation, was published here today.
The leading article was written by V. Kroukov, Propaganda and Education Director of the Central Committee, and was devoted to "a few ideological questions in the work of party organizations."
It stressed the need for increased fight against the remnants of capitalism and the prejudices and traditions of the old society.

Sceptical Of Love At First Sight

Madrid, Apr. 11.
Spanish men placed religious devotion first, honesty second and wealth fifth among the qualities they seek in a wife, according to the Institute of Public Opinion in Madrid. Honesty and intelligence were also given preference over money.
Of the men consulted 79 per cent said they preferred brunettes and only 20 per cent blondes. Some 52 per cent liked dark eyes. Only 34 per cent believed in love at first sight.
Half the men consulted were less than 25 years of age and nearly half of these again said they had no girl friend.—China Mail Special.

Attlee's New Book On Anglo-US Atomic Exchanges

London, Apr. 12.

A new Parliamentary flare-up over the Hydrogen bomb, foreshadowed for Tuesday in the House of Commons, may be given a fresh slant by statements on Anglo-American atomic exchanges made by the leader of the opposition Mr. Clement Attlee, in his autobiography, "As It Happened," to be published today.

Sir Winston Churchill's biggest clash with the Labour Opposition since he came to power occurred last Monday. After disclosing the secret 1943 atomic agreement with the late President Roosevelt, he charged Mr. Attlee's post-war Labour Government with abandoning the benefits Britain gained under it. This Mr. Attlee angrily denied.

Members of Parliament are to press the Prime Minister on Tuesday for more information about the agreement.

The Labour leader devoted part of one chapter of his new autobiography—written before the present H-bomb controversy—to his own exchanges with President Truman on atomic affairs in 1945 when he replaced Sir Winston Churchill as Britain's Prime Minister.

He says: "An agreement for partnership in the atomic field between the United States, Canada and Britain had been arrived at in Quebec but the industrial use of the bomb had been specifically conceded to the United States."

The agreement in itself was loosely worded and it was clear that the position needed to be clarified. Although British scientists had contributed very greatly to the development of

atomic energy, the actual work had been done in America owing to war conditions, Mr. Attlee adds.

"Sir John Anderson (now Lord Waverley) had been the Minister principally concerned with this project and at my request he continued in a special capacity to deal with it after the change of Government," Mr. Attlee states.

"I decided it was necessary to clarify the position with the Americans and arranged for Sir John and myself to go to Washington."

JOINT STATEMENT
Mr. Attlee relates his arrival at the White House on November 19, 1945, and mentions he began talks there with Mr. Truman and the late Mr. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada.

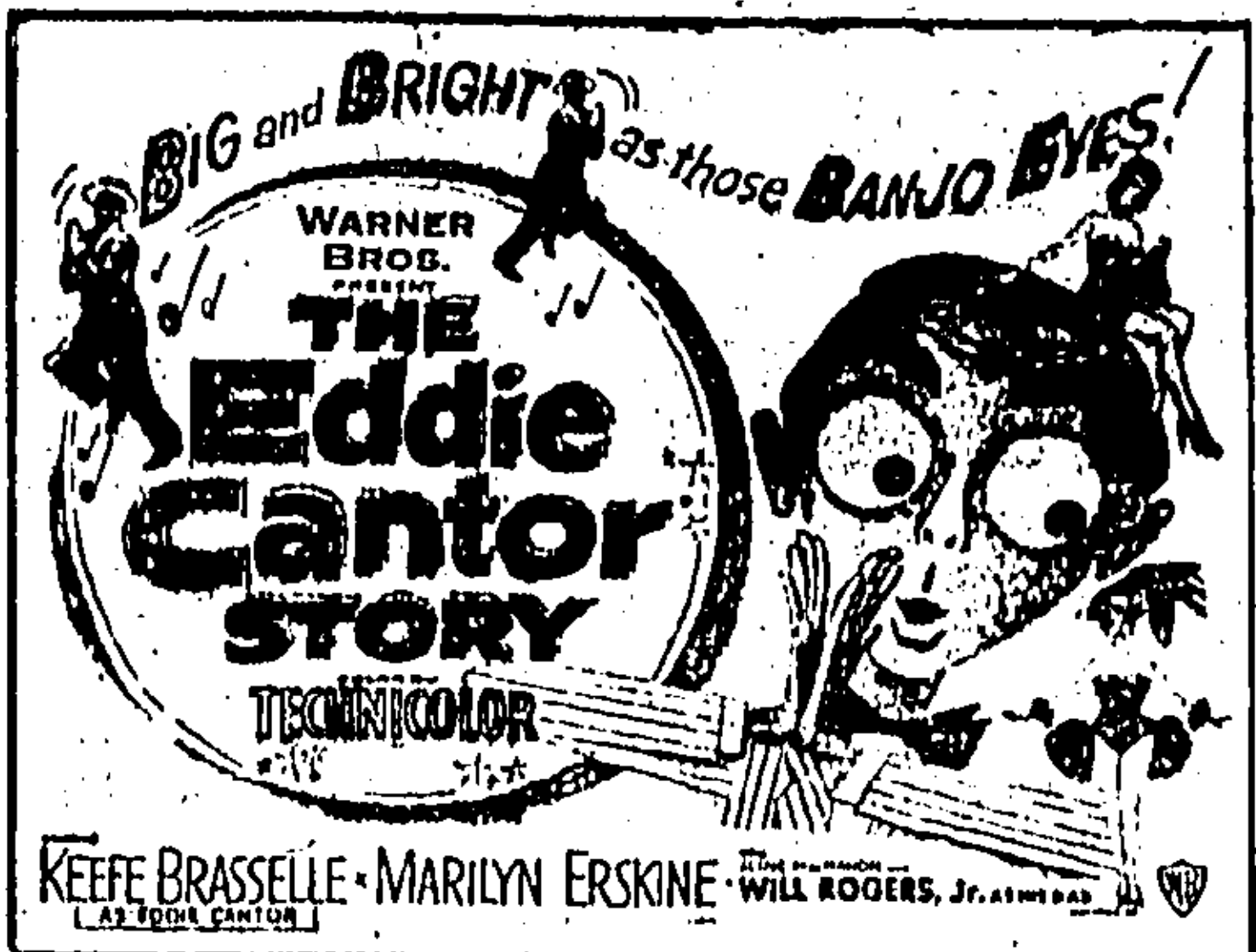
"On Thursday morning at the White House President Truman, Mackenzie King and I signed a joint statement..."

"We had reached what Sir John Anderson and I both thought was a satisfactory agreement for future co-operation in the field of atomic energy. But as sometimes happens in dealing with our American friends, the Administration proposes but Congress disposes."

The action of Congress in passing the McMahon Bill (in 1946) made co-operation difficult, Mr. Attlee says, observing that the unfortunate affairs of Dr. Klaus Fuchs, which occurred shortly afterwards, set everything back.—Reuter.

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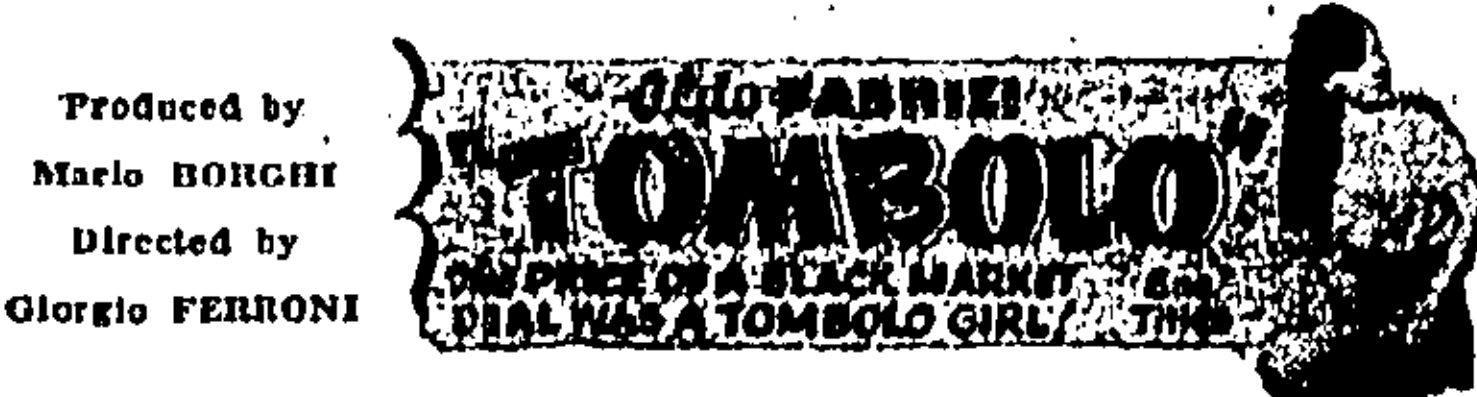
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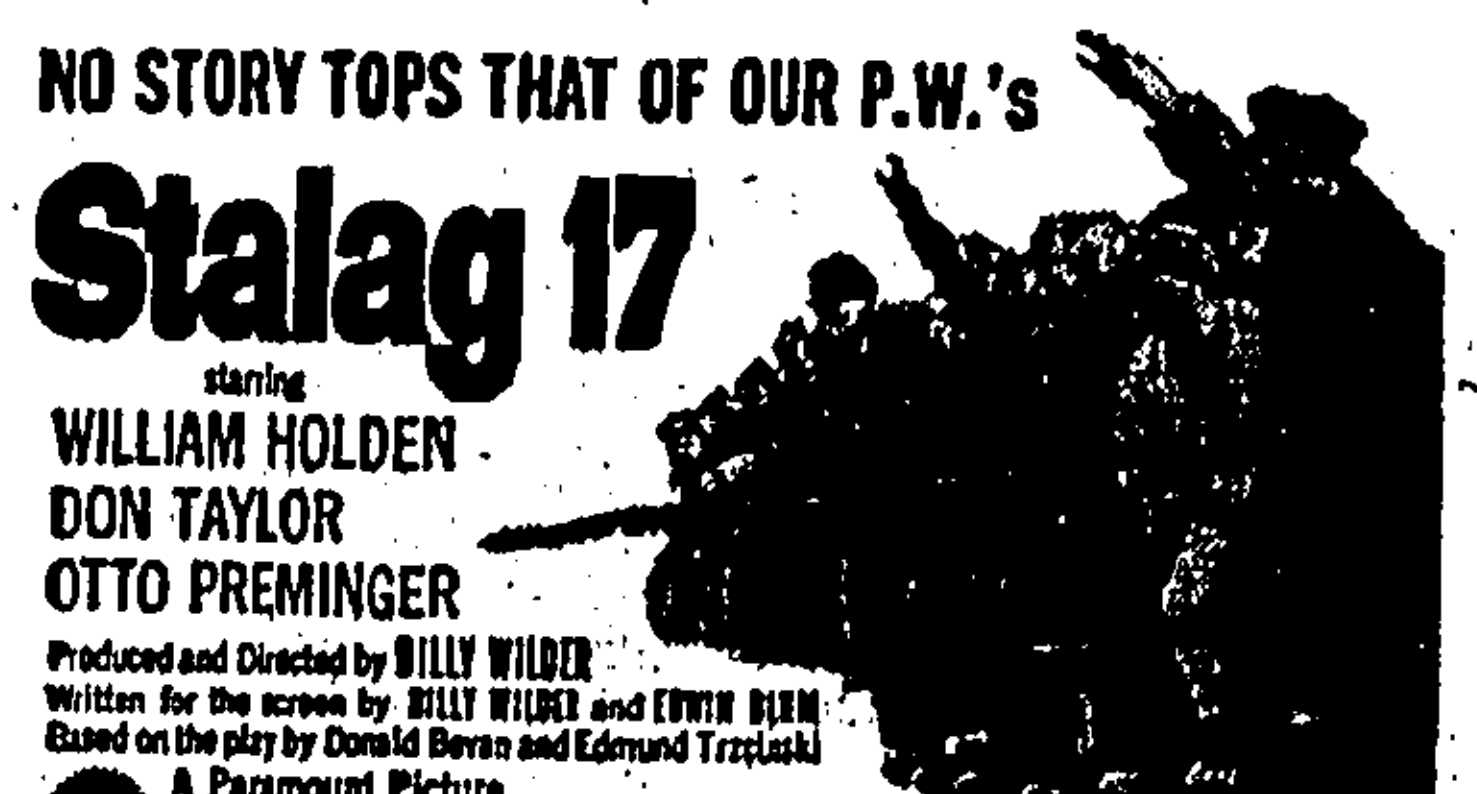
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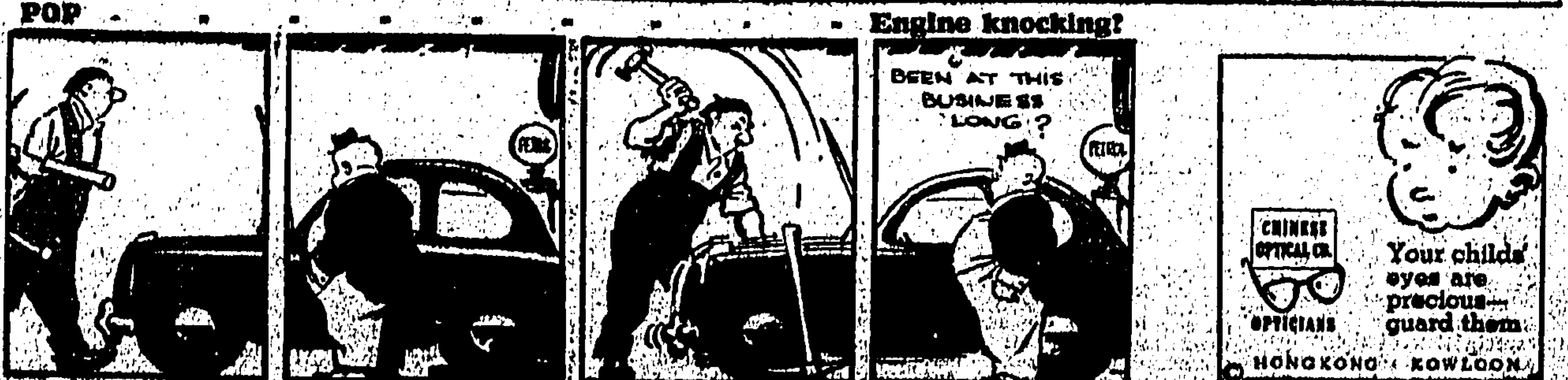
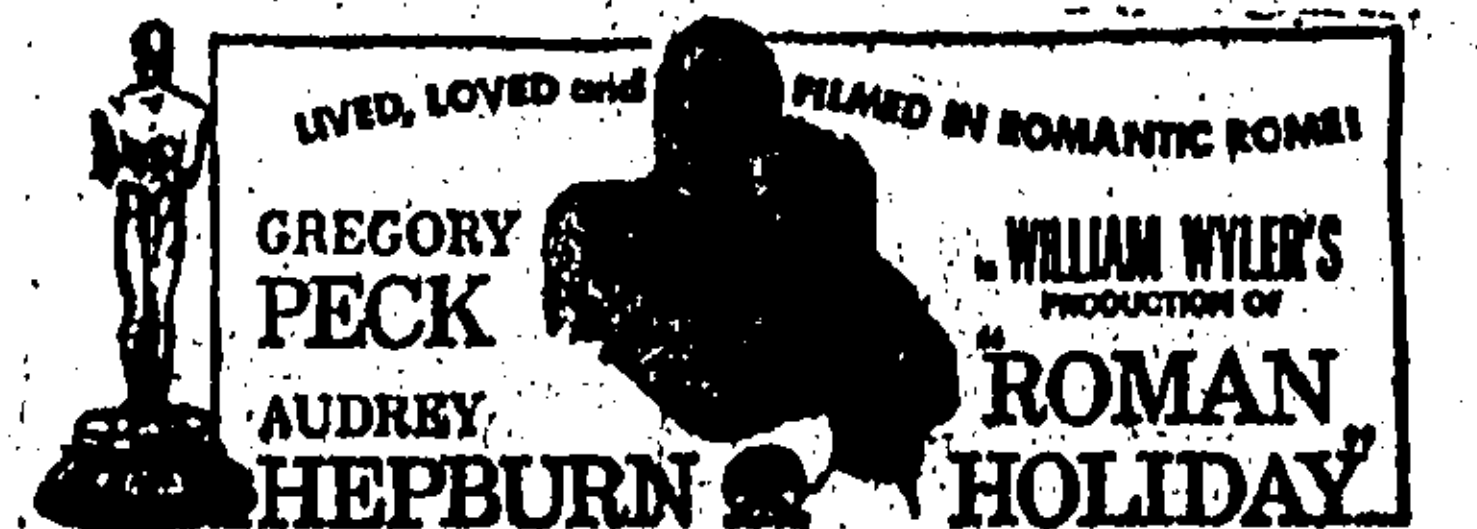
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CONCERN OVER PREPARATIONS FOR GENEVA

"Two Weeks To Go And Nothing Has Been Settled"

Geneva, Apr. 12.

The Geneva Conference, due to start on April 26, is giving the city authorities and the United Nations officials one of the biggest headaches which this city of conference experts has ever experienced.

With the meeting only two weeks away, literally nothing has been settled, except that the delegates will meet in the Palais des Nations, headquarters of the United Nations in Europe. United Nations officials do not even yet know in which room the delegates will hold their discussions.

The United Nations in Geneva is awaiting instructions about what to do. They have offered full facilities. But it is up to the delegations of the four great inviting Powers — Britain, France, the United States and Soviet Russia — to give the orders. So far, no one seems able to take any decisions.

"We are in a state of suspended animation or rather, perhaps, a state of animated suspension," one United Nations official said. "We are ready to go to work immediately if only someone would tell us what they want done."

"We do not yet know if the United Nations is to provide the secretariat of the conference or whether, as at Berlin, the delegations will provide their own secretariat."

Another point which must be settled soon is the question of Chinese translators for the English, French and Russian versions. United Nations officials say that it is no easy matter to find sufficient Chinese translators at short notice.

While the United Nations officials wait in their "state of animated suspension," the Geneva authorities have too much to do. For they are faced with the problem of finding space not only for the Asian conference delegates, but also for the 65 delegations attending the annual World Health Assembly and the 37 delegations of the International Labour Organisation.

The flood of requests for hotel accommodation, which is now pouring in, is proving almost too much for harassed Geneva officials.

The Russians have asked for accommodation for 150 persons, a village for Mr. Molotov, a private radio station, and facilities for a private air service.

FOUR HOTELS

The Chinese are bringing 200 people. They also want a private radio station, a private villa for their delegation chiefs, and a host of other facilities. The bulk of their delegation is being housed in four different hotels.

The Russians have accepted the entire Hotel Metropole as their headquarters.

The British are moving into the Hotel Beau Rivage, their traditional headquarters from League of Nations days, where Mr. Eden will be no stranger.

The United States have taken two floors of the Hotel du Rhone and, according to reports, are still short of space.

The French have occupied the Hotel Des Bergues and the remaining 12 or 14 delegations are scattered throughout the town.

In addition, an estimated 1,000 journalists are clamouring for rooms.

MUSICAL CHAIRS

In fact, a game of musical chairs is on, in the course of which press reservations made as long ago as last February are being officially transferred to other hotels in an effort to centralise as many delegations as possible.

With regard to accommodation for the conference itself in the United Nations building, it seems likely that the delegations will meet in the Council chamber.

This can seat some 16 to 18 delegation chiefs side by side with their advisers and aides, seated behind them. If delegation leaders wish to have their advisers and aides seated beside them, as at the Berlin conference, the Geneva conference will have to go to another room, where special alterations will have to be made.

Nothing is known yet regarding security measures for the conference. The entire Geneva police force will be mobilised to deal with the conference, alongside the United Nations building and reinforcements are to be brought in from other cantons.

In Geneva, an international press centre has been set up in a former women's clothing store. Here, there will be large rooms for press conferences by different delegations. Offices on the floors above have been put at the disposal of newspapers and news agencies from all over the world. —China Mail Special.

Royal Memorial To Queen Mary



Dedicated in Sandringham Church last week was this memorial plaque to Queen Mary created by her children and grandchildren. It was made during her lifetime by Sir William Reid Dick, the Queen's Sculptor-in-Chief. The plaque, which is situated directly opposite to a similar memorial to King George V, bears a profile of the Queen in relief and the inscription: "In loving memory—Queen Mary 1867—1953—given by her beloved children and grandchildren."

IN U.S.A.

Lung Cancer Deaths Jump 500 p.c. In Last 20 Years

New York, Apr. 11.

The American Cancer Society reported today that deaths from lung cancer in men had increased 500 per cent in the past 20 years and that "causes of this rise have not yet been demonstrated scientifically."

The society's annual report said that periodic examination against all forms of cancer could save 41,000 lives a year in the United States.

"Of the six forms of cancer of which the society is concentrating," the report said, "cancer of the lung has shown the most dramatic and challenging increase."

"In men there has been an increase in mortality in the last 20 years of 500 per cent. While the death rate in women has also increased, the major threat is to men over 45. It is estimated that male deaths from lung cancer in 1952 exceeded male deaths from tuberculosis."

"The society takes the position that the causes of this rise have not yet been demonstrated scientifically."

"Perhaps the best way to express the society's attitude is to say that some evidence places cigarette smoking on the crime but the evidence is not strong enough to convict it. Other data link air pollution to lung cancer."

The society said it was sponsoring a study of 204,000 men whose smoking habits it has recorded to see "if there is a statistical relation between lung cancer and smoking."

It said it was also encouraging early diagnosis and prompt treatment.

Shishakli In Cairo

Cairo, Apr. 11. Brigadier-General Adib Shishakli, who was ousted from power in Syria last February, arrived here today on his way to Paris. —Reuters.

Casey Wants Nehru's View

Melbourne, Apr. 12.

The Australian Minister of External Affairs, Mr. Richard Casey, hopes to get the views of India's Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, on his way to the Geneva conference on Far-East problems, the newspaper Age reported here today.

He will take Mr. Nehru's views to London, where he is to discuss the Far Eastern situation with the British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill. And the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, before the Geneva conference starts on April 26, the report added.

Mr. Casey leaves Sydney by air today on the first stage of his journey to Geneva. At Singapore, he will have talks on Indo-China with the British Commissioner-General for South-East Asia, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald.

He will then fly to Saigon for three-day discussions with French and Vietnamese leaders. —Reuters.

US Defence Official Says: Cobalt Bomb Not Feasible As A War Weapon

Washington, Apr. 11.

The U.S. Assistant Defence Secretary, Mr. Donald Quarles, said today the dread cobalt bomb, which could destroy entire continents, was scientifically possible but was "not feasible" as an instrument of war.

Mr. Quarles, chief of research and development for the Defence Department, said no military man believed the C-bomb could be a good weapon of war because the radioactive material it released would kill friend and enemy indiscriminately.

Mr. Quarles said on ABC's television show, "At Issue," the scientists already had produced a small C-bomb for use in hospitals to treat certain diseases. But he said it had none of the characteristics of a larger war model, which he said would be a "suicide weapon."

A member of the House-Senate Atomic Energy Committee Mr. Chet Holifield said on the CBS "Man of the Week" TV show no one could enter a city for at least five years after a C-bomb had been dropped on it.

He said the theoretical weapon would have a cobalt instead of a steel casing to enclose a hydrogen bomb. He described cobalt as a lead-like metal which absorbs radioactivity and would permit the winds to carry it to all corners of the earth.

Mr. Eisenhower said recently the United States did not intend to build H-bombs or similar weapons any bigger or more destructive than those it now had.

In other atomic developments: 1. Mr. Holifield said he would introduce a resolution on Monday to raise the Civil Defense Administration to Cabinet level. 2. The chairman of the Joint Committee, Representative W. Sterling Cole (Republican, New York), said he would introduce a bill this week to carry out President Eisenhower's request for "modernisation" of the 1940 atomic energy act.

The President asked Congress in February to make two basic changes in the law—to permit the transfer of certain tactical atomic data to America's allies and to encourage U.S. business firms to participate in the atomic programme.

Mr. Holifield said his resolution to raise civil defence to Cabinet level would permit the Director of the agency to sit in on meetings of the National Security Council.

He said there was no complete defence against an enemy air attack and the only real precaution would be to give American cities adequate warnings through radar systems and other civil defence measures.

Mr. Cole said he would introduce his bill before the House started its Easter recess on Friday. The House-Senate

Immediate Debate Sought On EDC

Paris, Apr. 11.

M. Pierre Henri Teitgen said tonight that any further delay in the Parliamentary debate on the ratification of the European Defence Community treaty would mean "not immobility but paralysis."

M. Teitgen, a member of the M.R.P. (Popular Republican) Party, said "the time for reflection is over, the hour of decision has struck."

"The Government must now and immediately take all necessary action for the opening of the debate on the ratification of the treaty instituting the European Defence Community."

"Not only is our foreign policy dependent on the decision which is to be taken but also our internal policy." —France-Press.

Secret Talks By Two Middle East Nations

New York, Apr. 11.

Pakistan and Afghanistan have held secret talks on confederation aimed at a joint foreign policy, the New York Times said in a dispatch from Karachi today.

The report said talks between the two countries had been going on for a year and were now nearing completion. One of many reasons for confederation is that both countries have nomadic tribal populations flowing back and forth across the border to trade, the New York Times said.

Representatives of both Governments had paved the way by relaxing trade barriers.

"One of the most important reasons for Pakistan wanting confederation is to strengthen her defence of the Khyber Pass, the most practical approach from the Soviet Union's eastern republics into Pakistan," the New York Times said. —Reuter.

Two Men Almost Married The Wrong Girls

Rajol, India, Apr. 11.

Two bridegrooms' retinues got mixed up while travelling to wedding celebrations along the same road here—and they nearly married the wrong girls.

The party that should have turned left turned right, so the other party took the opposite turning and the two men with their retinues arrived at the wrong houses.

As the brides had been chosen for them, they did not know them and the parents only discovered the mistake at the last minute and sent them tearing away past each other again to reach their true brides in time. —China Mail Special.

Frontier Incidents

Egypt Stays Out Of Meeting

London, Apr. 11.

Cairo Radio said this evening that Egypt had refused to attend a meeting today of the Israeli-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission, called to discuss four frontier incidents allegedly provoked by Egyptian forces.

The radio says Reuter quoted an Egyptian War Ministry official as saying that the Egyptian delegation did not receive the United Nations observer's investigation records of the incidents until two hours before the meeting was due to start.

The officials added that the observer was at that time still investigating two of the incidents.

Egypt therefore asked the American President of the Commission, Colonel Robert Hummel, that the meeting be postponed a day "in accordance with the stipulations of the armistice agreement."

Colonel Hummel would not grant this request, so Egypt did not attend the meeting.

Egypt had appealed to General Vaghi Benkhi, Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervisory Commission in Palestine, the official added. —Reuter.

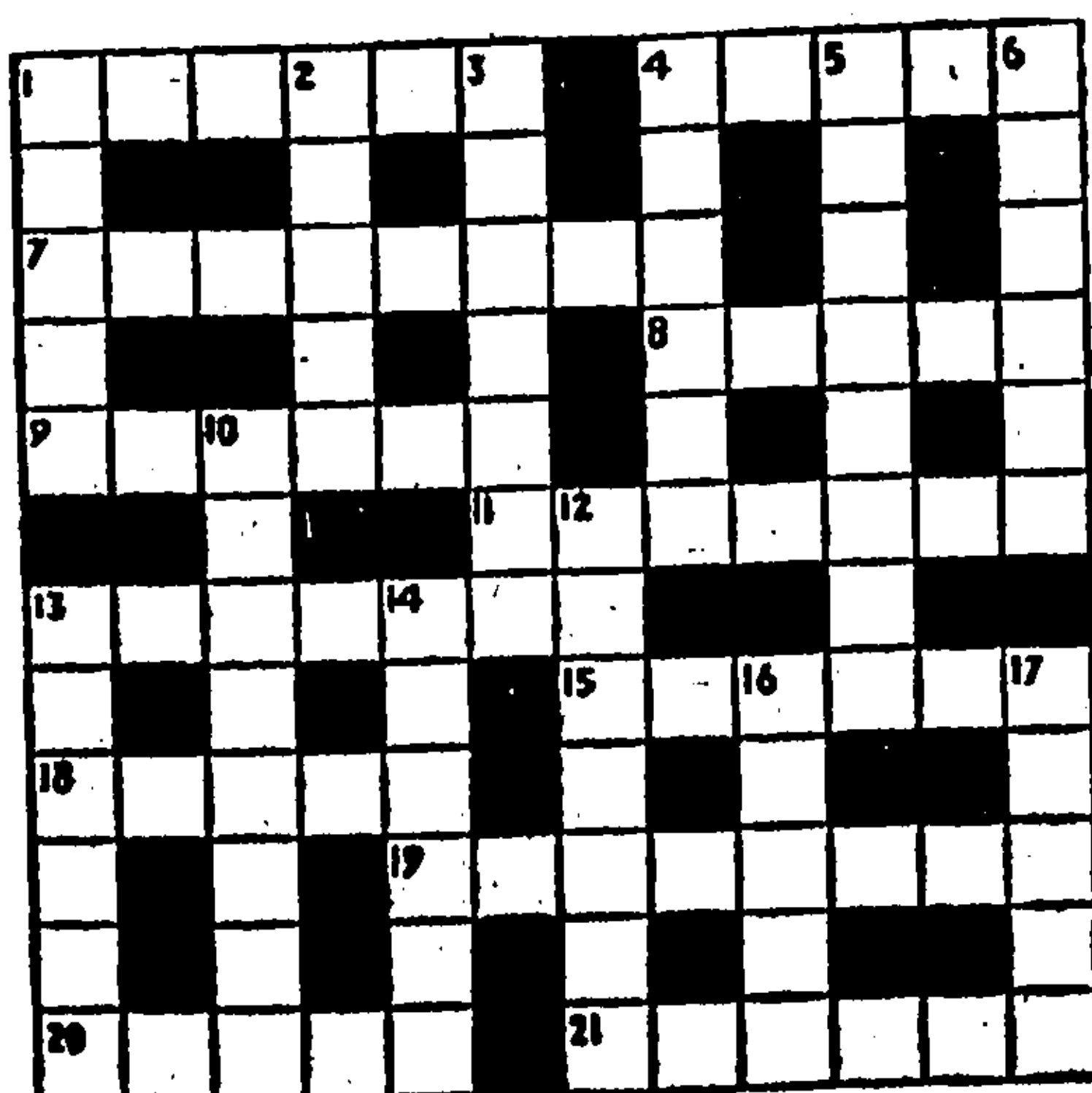
Reds Lose Power

Washington, Apr. 11.

The Communist Parties in most Western European nations have been losing ground during the past eight years, the U.S. Information Agency said today.

In Denmark the Communists have lost more than 60 per cent of their popular vote since a postwar peak in 1945, and in Norway party membership has dropped from about 40,000 at the end of World War II to about 7,000. —United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Venturesome (6).
4 Fish (5).
7 Gourmets (8).
8 Foolish (5).
9 Proclamation (6).
11 Snuggles (7).
13 Lathes (7).
15 Frank (6).
16 Pale (5).
19 Static troops (8).
20 Symbols (5).
21 Wine (6).

DOWN
1 Fear (5).
2 Bring on (5).
3 Article of clothing (7).
4 Garlands (6).
5 Recollected (8).
6 Mean dwellings (6).
10 Infectious (8).
12 Accompanies (7).
13 Speaks slowly (6).
14 Scorches (6).
16 Diamond (5).
17 Drab (5).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Moth, 4. Rosette, 8. Used, 9. Calm, 10. Singlet, 11. Alto, 12. Elan, 14. Supreme, 15. Dens, 16. Lasso, 22. Tangent, 28. Loon, 27. Girl, 28. Defamed, 29. Urgo, 30. Read, 31. Harrows, 32. Eddy, Down: 2. Oracle, 3. Humano, 4. Reza, 5. Odious, 6. Eager, 7. Thern, 12. Edit, 13. Anon, 15. Elio, 16. Ebon, 18. Angers, 20. Allude, 21. Sagged, 23. Arena, 24. Grain, 25. Tides.



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HOW TO HANDLE THE RUSSIANS

By Peter Lovegrove

BRIGADIER Claude Dewhurst has a delightful sense of humour. Neither the hazards and discomforts of our depressing campaign in Greece and Crete in 1941, nor the boredom and intrigues of Baghdad later in World War Two, could ever subdue the unflinching high spirits and lighthearted wit of this Royal Sussex regular officer.

And those qualities, allied to much patience and perseverance, served him well in 1951 when he became Chief of the British Mission to the Soviet Forces of Occupation in Eastern Germany and was in closer contact with the Russians for two years than any British soldier or diplomat even in Moscow.

He met them in their offices, at conferences, at receptions, at countryside "Kommunisten" In the towns which they garrisoned he spoke to soldiers, staff officers and generals as well as to Soviet Control Commission officials. He had to deal with them when they were at their most infuriating and efficient, and he also saw them on the few occasions when they prepared to relax.

Now he has written a lively, conversational and highly readable account of his experiences in "Close Contact". He deals with great penetration with the Soviet regime in general and upon the Communist individual in particular, the Russians' fears of insecurity, their complex and the stupidities of their propaganda; and also comments critically on our casualness concerning matters of high security importance and our deplorable lack of effective counter-propaganda.

Stalin's Death

Lastly he presents a new and surprising theory on the strange death of Stalin. The Soviet dictator, he believes, was assassinated by his own colleagues some time before his death was publicly announced, and he gives a number of facts to support his views.

Brigadier Dewhurst, who has a thorough knowledge of the Russian language and has made a twenty-year study of Russian history, evolution and affairs, has got some sound practical advice to offer to those meeting Soviet officials at the conference table for the first time.

Firstly, you have got to know your subject very thoroughly. They believe in specialisation and come to a meeting exceptionally well briefed, not only on the immediate problem

under discussion, but on all past and analogous cases—and they won't be hustled into a meeting until they have marshalled all the facts. They believe that the best form of defence at a conference is attack, and they are just masters in exaggeration.

Then "the Russians are affronted if you get down to business immediately you arrive." Small talk is a first essential, and when the real object of the meeting is eventually reached, it is important to be exact, precise and word of what is said is taken down by one or more stenographers, for subsequent study. The more they have to study, the greater the ease to pick holes.

No Anger

"One must," he continues, "on all accounts avoid getting angry round the table. The exaggeration and fantasy of some of their stories, allegations and complaints, often makes one furious. Irrelevancy and purposeful avoidance of main issues are exasperating. But it is no use showing temper. They rather hope you will get annoyed or rattled, and exaggerated details are sometimes inserted with the object of causing you to explode. You will answer far less carefully if you have a hot head—and that is what they want."

"I must confess that it is easier to preach than to practise, and once I got into such a rage that I could hardly speak at all! A list of trumped-up, carefully type-written 'charges' was being read with such false solemnity that I called a halt, and said in a storm: 'If this irrelevant rubbish is being read out for my benefit, I have no wish to hear it. You can go on chatting as long as you like, but please do so through my interpreter, who will let me know after you've finished whether there was anything worth reporting. For my part, I shall read this newspaper,' with which I took up a London paper I was about to deliver them, and sat back in my chair. There was a hush all round. They were genuinely amazed. It was at least a minute before the list of 'atrocities' was continued. But it was the only interview which achieved absolutely nothing from my point of view, which sours relations for some days to come."

Circuitous

Then one must never "demand" anything. The moment an ultimatum is sensed, expressions go rigid, the steno-

grapher ceases work and the whole atmosphere becomes icy. Brigadier Dewhurst cannot recall a single case where a "demand" was accepted, nor of an ultimatum bringing the required result, but there are many circuitous ways of "requiring" or "requesting" things to be done. Soviet leaders or institutions must never be criticised, and the Russians in turn keep to the same rules themselves regarding criticism of the West.

Perhaps, most important of all, one should never expect a conference, interview or official talk to produce results at the time. The Russians may hint at agreement, but will never be definite until the matter is referred back, "weeks or months may pass before the results of a conference become apparent."

The action you require will often be taken when you least expect it, but the concession or agreement will never be put to paper (with the rarest high-level exceptions). They will never inform you in advance that, as a result of your representations, a soldier is being released, an aeroplane handed back, or even a blockade lifted. It just happens, for a concession on paper is recorded loss of face.

There are a number of entertaining stories of the absurd lengths to which the Russians will go to protect their "security" from foreigners, who of course are all regarded as potential spies. Whenever the author went, armed with official permits and specific immunity. (Contd. on Page 7, Col. 1)

"Those in the artistic vanguard may chide us undeveloped morons for our failure to appreciate 'modern art', but let them not try to prohibit our innocent merriment at it!"

A CORRESPONDENT referring to various times down the ages, to works by Henry Moore, Epstein, Stravinsky, Wagner, Van Gogh, Rembrandt, Giotto, etc. etc.



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CONTINUING THE ADVENTURE OF THE RED WIDOW

What Has Happened So Far

GREGSON, a Scotland Yard detective, calls on Holmes. He has received a telegram from the Derbyshire police from which it appears that Lord Cope, Deputy-Lieutenant of the County, has been murdered on his ancestral guillotine at Arnsworth Castle. The local police inspector, Dawlish, has also, rather mysteriously, sent the County Guide and Gazetteer, giving the history of Lord Cope's ancestors, saying the contents should be studied. Dawlish suspects Lord Cope's cousin, Captain Jasper Lothian, of murdering the old man. Holmes, Watson and Gregson arrive at the castle and are admitted by Stephen, Lord Cope's devoted servant. Lady Cope is still sitting motionless, gazing at the beheaded body, when the detectives enter.

It was a small room with a groined roof lit by clusters of tapers in iron sconces. The walls were hung with trophies of armour and mediaeval weapons and edged by glass-topped cases crammed with ancient parchments, thumb rings, pieces of carved stonework and yawning mantraps. These details I noticed at a glance and then my whole attention was riveted to the object that occupied a low dais in the centre of the room.

It was a guillotine, painted a faded red, and save for its base, exactly similar to those that I had seen depicted in woodcuts of the French Revolution. Sprawling between the two uprights lay the body of a tall thin man clad in a velvet smoking jacket. His hands were tied behind him and a white

cloth, hideously besmirched, concealed his head or rather the place where his head had been.

The light of the tapers, gleaming on a blood-spattered steel blade buried in the lunette, reached beyond to touch with a halo the red-gold hair of the woman who sat beside that dreadful headless form. Regardless of our approach, she remained motionless in her high carved chair, her features an ivory mask from which two dark and brilliant eyes stared into the shadows with the unwinking fixity of a basilisk. In an experience of women covering three continents, I have never beheld a colder nor a more perfect face than that of the chateleine of Castle Arnsworth keeping vigil in that chamber of death.

Dawlish coughed. "You had best retire, my lady," he said bluntly. "Rest assured that Inspector Gregson here and I will see that justice is done."

For the first time she looked at us and so uncertain was the light of the tapers that for an instant it seemed to me that some swift emotion more akin to mockery than grief gleamed and died in those wonderful eyes.

"Stephen is not with you?" she asked incredulously. "But, of course, he would be in the library. Faithful Stephen."

"I fear that his lordship's death—"

She rose abruptly, her bosom heaving and one hand gripping the skirt of her black lace gown. "His damnation!" she hissed, and then, with a gesture of despair, she turned and glided slowly from the room.

As the door closed, Sherlock Holmes dropped on one knee beside the guillotine and, raising the blood-soaked cloth, peered down at the terrible object beneath. "Dear me," he said quietly, "a blow of this force must have sent the head rolling across the room."

"Probably."

"I fail to understand. Surely you know where you found it?"

"I didn't find it. There is no head."

FOR a long moment Holmes remained on his knees, staring up silently at the speaker. "It seems to me that you are taking a great deal for granted," he said at length, scrambling to his feet. "Let me hear your ideas on this singular crime."

"It's plain enough. Some time last night, the two men quarrelled and eventually came to blows. The younger, overpowered the older and then killed him by means of this



Holmes dropped a match into the pile...

Then, a cry of horror FIRE!

The new exploits of Sherlock Holmes

By Adrian Conan Doyle

Instrument. The evidence that Lord Cope was still alive when placed in the guillotine is shown by the fact that Captain Lothian had to lash his hands.

"The crime was discovered this morning by the butler, Stephen, and a groom, fetched me from the village, whereupon I took the usual steps to identify the body of his lordship and I listed the personal belongings found upon him. If you'd like to know how the murderer escaped, I can tell you that, too. On the mare that's missing from the stable."

"Most instructive," observed Holmes. "As I understand your theory, the two men engaged in a ferocious combat, being careful not to disarrange any furniture or smash the glass cases that clutter up the room. Then, having disposed of his opponent, the murderer rides into the night, a suitcase under one arm and his victim's head under the other. A truly remarkable performance."

AN angry flush suffused Dawlish's face. "It's easy enough to pick holes in other people's ideas, Mr. Sherlock Holmes," he sneered. "You will give us your theory."

"I have none. I am awaiting my facts. By the way, when was your last snowfall?"

"Yesterday afternoon."

"Then there is hope yet. But let us see if this room will yield us any information."

For some ten minutes we stood and watched him, Gregson and I with interest and Dawlish with an ill-concealed look of contempt on his weather-beaten face, as Holmes crawled slowly about the room on his hands and knees muttering and mumbling to himself and looking like some gigantic dun-coloured insect.

He had drawn his magnifying glass from his cape pocket and I noticed that not only the floor, but the contents of the occasional tables were subjected to the closest scrutiny. Then, rising to his feet he stood wrapped in thought, his back to the candle-light and his gaunt shadow falling across the faded red guillotine.

"It won't do," he said suddenly. "The murder was premeditated."

"How do you know?"

"The cranking handle is freshly oiled, and the victim was brought here unconscious with his hands already bound."

"Then why were they tied?"

"Ah! There is no doubt, however, that the man was brought here unconscious with his hands already bound."

design on the lashing proves that it is a sash from one of these window curtains."

Holmes shook his head. "They are faded through exposure to daylight," said he, "and this is not. There can be little doubt that it comes from a door-curtain, of which there are none in this room. Well, there is little more to be learnt here."

The two police agents conferred together and Gregson turned to Holmes. "As it is after midnight," said he, "we had better retire to the village hostelry and tomorrow pursue our enquiries separately. I cannot but agree with Inspector Dawlish that while we are theorising here the murderer may reach the coast."

"I wish to be clear on one point, Gregson. Am I officially employed on this case by the police?"

"Impossible, Mr. Holmes!"

"Quite so. Then I am free to use my own judgment. But give me five minutes in the courtyard and Doctor Watson and I will be with you."

THE bitter cold smote upon us as I slowly followed the gleam of Holmes's lantern along the path that, banked by thick snow, led across the courtyard to the front door.

"Fools!" he cried, stooping over the powdered surface. "Look at it, Watson! A rug-gent would have done less damage. Carriage wheels in three places. And here's Dawlish's boots and a pair of hobnails, probably a groom. A woman now, and running. Of course, Lady Cope and the first of your late master!"

"Yes, certainly it is her. What was Stephen doing out here? There is no mistaking his square-toed shoes. Doubtless you observed them, Watson, when he opened the door to us. But what have we here?"

The lantern paused and he moved slowly onwards, muttering slowly onwards.

"Pump! Pump!" he cried eagerly, "and coming from the

front door. See, here he is again. Probably a tall man from the size of his feet, and carrying some heavy object. The stride is shortened and the toes more clearly marked than the heels. A burdened man always tends to throw his weight forward. He returns! Ah just so, just so! Well, I think that we have earned our beds."

My friend remained silent during our journey back to the village. But as we separated from Inspector Dawlish at the door of the inn he laid a hand on his shoulder.

"The man who has done this deed is tall and spare," said he. "He is about 50 years of age with a turned-in left foot and strongly addicted to Turkish cigarettes, which he smokes from a holder."

"Captain Lothian!" grunted Dawlish. "I know nothing about feet or cigarette holders, but the rest of your description is accurate enough. But who told you his appearance?"

"I will set you a question in reply. Were the Copes ever a Catholic family?"

The local inspector glanced significantly at Gregson and tapped his forehead. "Catholic? Well, now that you mention it, I believe they were in the old times. But what on earth..."

"Merely that I would recommend you to your own Guide book. Good-night."

On the following morning, after dropping my friend and myself at the castle gate, the two police officers drove off to pursue their inquiries further afield. Holmes watched their departure with a twinkle in his eye.

"I fear that I have done you injustice over the years, Watson," he commented somewhat enigmatically, as we turned away.

The elderly manservant opened the door to us, and as we followed him into the great hall it was painfully obvious that the honest fellow was still deeply afflicted by his master's death. There is naught "for you here," he cried shrilly. "My God, will you never leave us in peace?"

I have remarked previously on Holmes's gift for putting others at their ease, and by degrees the old man recovered his composure. "I take it that this is the Agincourt window," observed Holmes, staring up at a small but exquisitely coloured stained glass casement, through which the winter sunlight threw a pattern of brilliant colours on the ancient stone floor.

"It is, sir. Only two in all England."

"Doubtless you have served the family for many years," continued my friend gently.

"Served 'em? Aye, me and mine for nigh two centuries. Ours is the dust that lies upon their funeral palls."

"I fancy they have an interesting history."

"They have that, sir."

"I seem to have heard that this ill-omened guillotine was specially built for some ancestor of your late master?"

"Aye, the Maquis de Rennes. Built by his own tenants. The varnishes halted him, they did simply because he kept up old customs."

"Indeed. What custom?"

"Something about women, sir. The book in the library don't explain exactly."

"Le droit de seigneur, perhaps."

"Well, I don't speak heathen, but I believe them, was the very words."

"H'm. I should like to see this library."

"The old man's eyes slid to a door at the end of the hall. 'See the library?' he grumbled. 'What do you want there? Nothing but old books, and her Ladyship don't like—oh, very well.'"

He led the way ungraciously into a long low room lined to the ceiling with volumes and ending in a magnificent Gothic fireplace. Holmes, after glancing about listlessly, paused to light a cheroot.

"Well, Watson, I think that we'll be getting back," said he. "Thank you, Stephen. It is a fine room, though I am surprised to see Indian rugs."

"Indian?" protested the old man, indignantly. "They're antique Persian."

"Surely Indian. These marks are inscriptions. As a gentleman like you should know: Can't see without your spy-glass? Well, use it, then. Now, drat it, if he hasn't spilled his matches!"

As we rose to our feet after gathering up the scattered vestas, I was puzzled to account for the sudden flush of excitement in Holmes's sallow cheeks.

"I was mistaken," said he. "They are Persian. Come, Watson, it is high time that we set out for the village and our train back to town."

A FEW minutes later we had left the castle. But to my surprise on emerging from the outer bailey, Holmes led the way swiftly along a lane leading to the stables.

"You intend to enquire about the missing horse," I suggested. "The horse? My dear fellow, I have no doubt that it is safely concealed in one of the home farms, while Gregson rushes all over the country. This is what I am looking for."

He entered the first loose-box and returned with his arms full of straw. "Another bundle for you, Watson, and it should be enough for our purpose."

"But what is our purpose?"

"Precisely to reach the front door without being observed," he chuckled, as he shouldered this burden.

Having retraced his first loose-box and returned with his arms full of straw, Holmes laid his finger on his lips and cautiously opened the great door, slipped into a near-by closet, full of capes and sticks, where he proceeded to throw both our bundles on the floor.

"It should be safe enough," he whispered, "for it is stone-built. Ah! These two macintoshes will assist admirably. I have no doubt," he added, as he struck a match and dropped it into the pile, "that I shall have other occasions to use this modest stratagem."

As the flames spread through the straw and reached the macintoshes, thick black wreaths of smoke poured from the cloak-door into the hall of Arnsworth Castle, accompanied by a hissing and crackling from the burning rubber.

"Good heavens, Holmes!" I gasped, the tears rolling down my face. "We shall be suffocated!"

"His fingers closed on my arm. 'Wait,' he muttered, and even as he spoke there came a sudden rush of feet and a yell of horror.

"Fire!"

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GREAT BRITAIN 3, CHINA 3

POWER AND EXPERIENCE
WERE MISSING FROM
BRITAIN'S DEFENCE

By I. M. MacTAVISH

Across this game is written the name of George Armstrong, selected to play at right back for the Great Britain side but who, on account of a knock received against KMB on Saturday, had to stand down from the team.

With Armstrong in the side I believe Great Britain would have won this game by a clear margin. Dowling, who took his place, did not have a bad game but he lacked the power and experience of the absent Club defender. Power and experience were the vital missing factors in the Great Britain defence.

The game was grand entertainment and it was a credit to all the players that they managed to serve up such a satisfactory standard of soccer on such a treacherous surface. The conditions exacted a heavy penalty from the players and many of them were very tired young men long before the end.

The British side lasted just a little better than their opponents and this was reflected in the fact that they managed to pull back a two-goal deficit in the second half. In fact several times came within an ace of winning the game.

MISSED CHANCES

After a spell of fairly even play during which the Great Britain team showed speed and power, Gardner missed a couple of good chances to give his side the lead.

First he took a first-time swipe at a dropping ball and sent it flashing away wide of the goal and soon afterwards he ran on to a neat through pass, moved to the left of the goal, and with the goal right in his sights he sent a weak half-foot shot a couple of yards wide of the upright.

At the other end, a cross bar and a post gave Granger good assistance in preventing a score.

The Chinese boys then came right into the game and Lau Kai-chiu showed his ability to snap up half a chance when he had a hand in nothing a couple of goals, but a minute later Gardner got his head to an accurate cross from Lunnion to bring the score back to 2-1.

Just before the interval Yiu Cheuk-yin ran through with the ball, resisted a half-hearted tackle from Toth and lashed the ball past Granger.

The China team very nearly increased its score but some heroic heroics by Wells, who headed two full-blooded shots off the goal line within seconds of each other, saved the situation.

After the interval the Chinese began to tire and slowly but surely the game swung round in favour of the British boys. The China defence lost its poise and midway through the

half Lau Yee, in desperation, punched a scoring shot out of the net. Wells extracted full toll and drove the spot kick into the net.

FIRE HAD GONE

With their lead cut to a slender margin, the Chinese boys tried very hard to regain control but the fire had gone from their play and it was no surprise when Jobling snapped up a neat pass from Lunnion and brought the scores level.

From then until the end it was a case of both sides struggling for the winner but at the same time taking no defensive chances. A flying punch by Granger which turned a most awkward ball against the cross bar and a typical goal line clearance at the other end by Flash Harry kept the score unchanged to the end.

For the China team Wai Fat-kim again started the game without gloves and the first time he hit the goalpost he reminded him of his oversight for he dropped it and only a desperate recovery prevented a goal.

Hau Yung-ming and Lau Yee played well although later on Lau Yee got a lot of running about to do as Tong Sheung once again dropped right out of the game.

Chan Fai-hung, as usual, gave a polished display but Ng Kee-chung, who started very well, found Gardner a big worry in the second half.

In the forward line Mok Chun-wah ran himself into the ground but the others were only effective in patches although Yiu Cheuk-yin got through a lot of hard work.

Granger was again a saviour in the Great Britain goal and during one period of the first half it was only his determination and skill that kept the score within reasonable limits.

Dowling got a tough baptism in representative football but he recovered well from a shaky start.

Falconer, who took over the captaincy from Armstrong, played a Trojan's part in keeping the anger Chinese forwards at bay and he got good support from Toth, but Hughes was better in attack than in defence and was sometimes caught out of position when the ball was sent behind him.

Lunnion and Gardner were the forwards who mattered most with the Club centre-forward confirming quite definitely that he is much happier when up in the attack.

Reeves and Jobling never tied up with each other in the inside positions. Reeves is one of the players who is suffering from too much football and sent many passes to an opponent while Jobling found the pace of the game beyond him and he did little except score the vital third goal for his side.

McGregor on the left wing was out of his depth in this class of football and should have won the game with a glorious chance just before the end.

VERDICT: Hard work for the players but good entertainment for the big crowd. Both sides had their chances to win the game. Wells and Hau Yung-ming, who each cleared twice from the goal line, can shake hands on some grand covering.

THE MacTAVISH

STAR RATINGS

GREAT BRITAIN
GRANGER
DOWLING
WELLS
TOOTH
FRAZER
HUGHES
LUNNION
REEVES
GARDNER
JOBLING
MCGREGOR

CHINA
WAI FAT-KIM
HAU YUNG-SANG
LAU YEE
CHAN FAI-HUNG
TONG SHEUNG
TONG SHEUNG
HO YING-YUN
CHU WING-KEUNG
LAU KAI-CHIU
YIU CHEUK-YIN
MOK CHUN-WAH

K.M.B. 3, CLUB 0

South China players were out in strength on Saturday at Caroline Hill to see this game but the result must have sent them home with mixed feelings.

For this victory just about clinches the League title for the Bumsen.

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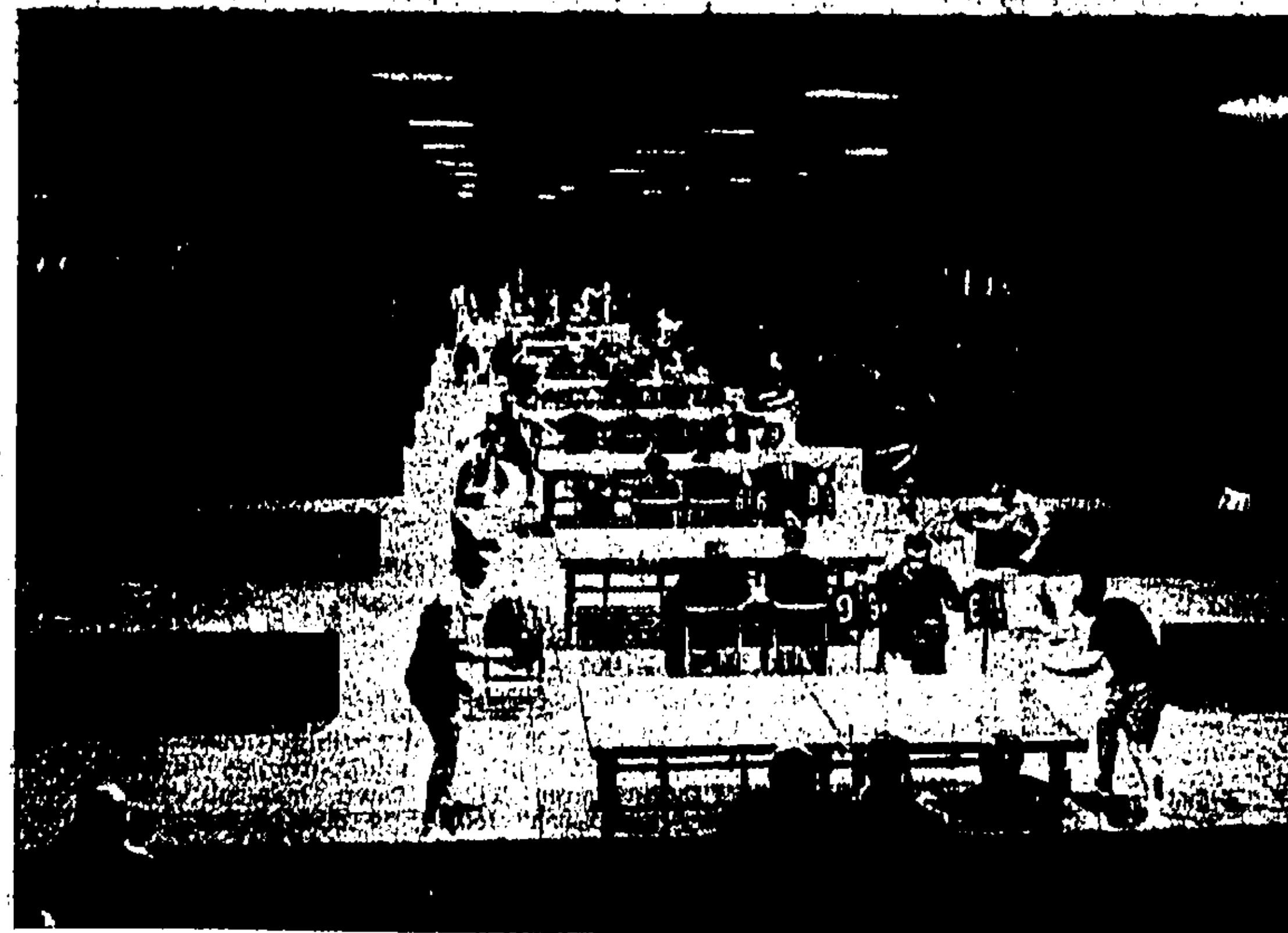
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WORLD TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS



Serried tables, each with its intent, title-seeking competitors and attendant umpires, during the opening day of the 21st World Table Tennis Championships at the Empire Pool, Wembley.—Reuter photo.

Malayans Put On Finest
Badminton Show Ever
Seen In America

Niagara Falls, New York, Apr. 11.

Four Malaysians today staged the greatest exhibition of badminton ever seen in America and walked off with a lion's share of the honours in the National Amateur Championships.

Little Eddy Choong, the pre-tournament favourite, rallied brilliantly in the men's singles to defeat California's Joe Alston, 15-5, 2-15, 15-13, and complete his sweep of every open national singles championship in the world.

An hour later, Eddy and his brother, David, put up a game fight against their countrymen, Ong Poh Lim and Ooi Tek Hee, but went down to defeat in a thrilling match interrupted periodically by thunderous applause from the 1,500 spectators. The scores were 15-11, 10-15.

Veteran badminton observers said the men's doubles struggle was undoubtedly the finest show of court manoeuvring ever seen in the 14 years the tournament has run.

Miss Judy Devlin, 18-year-old Goucher College freshman from Baltimore, Maryland, captured both women's crowns. She recovered from a one-game deficit to win the Ladies' Singles from Miss Margaret Varner of South Hadley, Mass., 8-11, 11-6, and then paired with her elder sister, Sue, to defeat Miss Ethel Marshall and Miss Bea Massman of Buffalo, 10-15, 15-7, 15-13, to win the doubles title.

13 IN A ROW
Eddy Choong, who packs only 118 pounds on his five-foot four-inch frame, started the singles match as though he was going to wait to victory. He scored 13 straight points, continually forcing his 27-year-old opponent from South Pasadena into errors.

In the second game, however, Alston, an FBI agent who won 1951 U.S. title and three times doubles winner, mastered his specialty drop shot from the baseline. He ended countless long volleys with a perfect drop over the net.

The third game was close until eight-all when the players trading smashes and drops. Alston then took a 13-9 lead. Playing cautiously, the American made six straight errors and watches a Choong smash and the title sweep past him.

REVENGES
In the doubles battle, Ong and Ooi had the Choongs brothers on the defensive throughout. They smashed relentlessly, sometimes 10 times in a row, and often forced Eddy flat on the floor as he tried for a return.

The first game featured long volleys as Ong and Ooi pulled away to a 10-4 lead, mostly on smashes. The Choongs rallied briefly near the end but were unable to withstand their opponents' aggressive attack. In the shorter second game, the

brothers fell behind early and made several errors as the winners ran out the score.

This was the third time this year that Ong and Ooi defeated the Choongs for a national title. In the mixed doubles, Alston teamed with his wife, Lois, to trounce Wynne Rogers and Mrs. Hulet Smith of Arcadia, Calif., 15-10, 15-10. — United Press.

Cockell Invited
To Fight
Hein Ten Hoff

Washington, Apr. 11.

British Heavyweight Champion Don Cockell has been invited to fight German boxer Hein Ten Hoff in an exhibition match on May 20 in San Francisco.

It was announced here today. Fred Kirsch, Ten Hoff's manager, said that the bout is being arranged by Jim Murray, a San Francisco promoter, for the city of Good Hope, a charity show.

He said Murray offered Cockell \$15,000 for the appearance in a cable to the British boxer's manager, John Simpson.—United Press.

INTERNATIONAL
HOCKEY FINAL
The end-of-season International hockey match between Portugal and Pakistan has been re-fixed for Wednesday, April 21, the I.H.K. Hockey Association announced yesterday.

Combined Services and the Civilians will meet this Wednesday.

All clubs are reminded that the end-of-season Knockout Festival will be held at Soekunpo on Sunday, April 25, starting at 11 a.m. Entries for both men's and women's teams should reach the Association by Tuesday, April 20.

MASTERS' TOURNAMENT

HOGAN AND SNEAD
TO PLAY OFF
FOR THE TITLE

Augusta, Georgia, Apr. 11.

Ben Hogan weakened today but had just enough left to tie Sam Snead at 289 in the final round of the Masters' Golf Tournament.

The two old regulars of the event will meet in an 18-hole play-off tomorrow.

Gambling to the last, amateur Billy Joe Patton of Morgantown, North Carolina, missed his long shots on the back nine and wound up with a second-best 280 after he had tied Hogan at the 63-hole mark to quicken the pulse of 15,000 spectators.

Patton sank a hole in one with a 190-yard blast with a No. 5 iron on the sixth hole. It was the first time an ace had ever figured in the last-round stampede for the title, although five have previously been registered in the tournament, including one this year by Leland Gibson.

Snead, with an even par 72 today, slipped in with his 289 while both Hogan and Patton were spraying their shots on the final nine. With four holes yet to play, Hogan needed at least one birdie to tie.

It was a typical Hogan challenge and he met it by rolling in two tries from 60 feet on the par five 15th and parred the last three for a final round score of 75—mediocre for him.

HIGHEST EVER

The two 289s were the highest scores ever to stand up through four rounds of the Masters'. Hogan won last year with a record of 274, 14 under par in contrast to his one-over total today.

The Augusta National Club, founded by Bobby Jones, announced that the prize money was being increased by 50 percent to \$25,000. So Hogan and Snead will be meeting tomorrow not only to decide which takes his third Masters' crown but to pad their pocketbooks as well with the winner's share.

Actually the tie for the play-off was anti-climatic after the 33-year-old Patton, a Carolina lumberman, shot a four-under-30 in his first round.

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U.S. BASEBALL
SEASON OPENS
TOMORROW

New York, Apr. 11.

It will be time to "play ball" once again in the Major Leagues on Tuesday.

It promises to be a good season with prospects of increased attendance and perhaps exciting pennant races although once again it is the same old story—the New York Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers are overwhelming favourites to meet for the third straight time in the World Series.

There will be for the second straight year a new city in the Major League scene as Baltimore returns to the American League with a salvo of civic enthusiasm and a pretty mediocre ball club—the last placed St. Louis Browns of 1953.

However, because of the novelty—if nothing else—there is sure to be a big attendance boom for the Orioles in their revamped Municipal Stadium which will eventually seat 54,000.

In Milwaukee, where all National League attendance records were broken last season as the Braves were transplanted there from Boston, it is predicted that the attendance for 1954 will go well over 2,000,000.

FIRST PITCH

President Eisenhower, who in the past has preferred a day at the golf course rather than one at the ball park, will toss out the ceremonial first pitch on Tuesday at Washington when the Yankees will open the defence of their Championship against the improved Senators before an expected crowd of 30,000.

That could be one of the day's largest crowds. Some



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JUNIOR BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

POMEROY—EBRAHIM MATCH WILL BE THE MAIN ATTRACTION TONIGHT

By "ARGONAUT"

The Colony Junior Badminton Championships, which are fast reaching their final stages, continue this evening at St Teresa's Hall with a programme of four matches.

Main attraction of the evening's games will be the Men's Singles quarter-final between second-seeded Johnny Pomeroi, Jr. and Craigenger's dark-horse of this season's tournament, M. A. Ebrahim.

In his previous round Ebrahim scored a stunning upset when he eliminated third-seeded Joseph Pao of Hongkong University in two straight sets. The most tricky player in the tournament, Ebrahim is expected to give the tremendously improved Pomeroi an extremely close run if not win in tonight's game.

Another good singles match is the clash between the two leading schoolboy players, Wong Shu-kuang and E. Marquez-Lim. Both are dogged fighters with Marquez-Lim being the more powerful hitter and Wong the more lasting in stamina.

The only Men's Doubles match of the evening between the top-seeded combination of Jimmy Ku and Albert Tam and University's K. L. Hui and S. T. Hui should also produce some good and exciting badminton.

Whereas Hui and Hui showed up impressively in their last match, Ku and Tam produced form much below expectations when they defeated A. Rosa and B. Xavier of Recreio last week. They will have to give a much better display this evening to prevent an upset.

IN REPLY

In last Saturday's issue of this paper, reference was made by a correspondent to my account of the Men's "A" Division League final between the Chinese YMCA and Craigenger.

In reply I will only say that in writing the letter the correspondent only supports the fact that there has been a deplorable increasing tendency by both players and supporters during the past few seasons to always offer some excuses for defeats.

Just as it isn't sporting for a player in any sport to offer an excuse when he is defeated, so it is a poor columnist who tries to look for that excuse when a favourite goes down.

My opinion and description of the match was based on what I saw and will be supported by common sense. How could a

player contest strongly every point until the score reached 6-4 if his arm was badly hurt before the match?

This reminds me of a match in which a player indicated that he could not play in the singles because of a leg injury but expressed a strong willingness to play in the doubles.

On the same logic, if that player could not play in the singles, he certainly could not do himself or his team justice in the doubles.

In most of my reports I have expressly avoided giving excuses for the losers and have always given the winners their due credit for the very reason that when a player in any form of sport takes to the field in any form of competition, it is taken for granted that he is a hundred per cent fit. Otherwise he should not be in the competition and on the field.

If any excuse could be offered for the Y's defeat in the League final—and that I would concede—it would be overstrain from over-practice during the two weeks prior to the final.

The whole "Y" team were so much bound to maintain their record of smashing and hard-hitting game.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

At Recreio

7.30 p.m. (Quarter-Final) Men's Singles: Wong Shu-kuang vs Ed Marquez-Lim.

8 p.m. (Semi-Final) Ladies' Doubles: Bernadine Remedios & Gloria Sequera vs Ho Shok-kam & Cinder Ho.

8.30 p.m. (Quarter-Final) Men's Doubles: Jimmy Ku & Albert Tam vs Hui Seng-tuck & Dr K. L. Hui.

9 p.m. (Quarter-Final) Men's Singles: M. A. Ebrahim vs Junior Pomeroi.

TOMORROW

At CCC

7.30 p.m. (Semi-Final) Mixed Doubles: S.K. Wong & Chan

Yuen-yue vs P.V. Yau & Perin Dhabher.

8 p.m. (Quarter-Finals) Men's Singles: F.M. Rozario vs S.T. Hui.

8.30 p.m. (Semi-finals) Ladies' Doubles: Mary Wong & Perin Dhabher vs Diana Yung & Chan Yuen-yue.

9 p.m. (Quarter-Finals) Men's Doubles: P.V. Yau & Ebrahim vs Siu Chuen & S.K. Wong.

RHKDF BEAT SERVICES BY 10 WICKETS

Royal Hongkong Defence Force easily defeated the Combined Services yesterday by 10 wickets in a friendly cricket match at Chater Road.

The Combined Services opened their innings first and on the strong fifth-wicket partnership between Li Withall and Major Baily were able to declare their innings 150 runs.

At the fall of the fifth wicket Combined Services' score was only 62 runs but Withall and Baily added another 75 runs in 53 minutes. Then Baily was cleaned bowled by Hall for 37. Withall who was second wicket down battled till the ninth wicket when he was stumped by Rumball off Owen-Hughes for a valuable 68 runs. The Services then declared at 150 runs.

A.P. Pereira of the RHKDF was responsible for three Services' wickets in nine overs for 14 runs, while G. N. Gosano and P. A. Hall bowled two wickets apiece for 47 runs in 14 overs and 19 runs in four overs respectively.

After tea L. D. Kilbee and L. G. Gosano opened the RHKDF innings and their brilliant partnership won the match for the RHKDF by 10 wickets. Kilbee knocked out 82 runs and Gosano 50.

THE SCORES

Combined Services

Cpl West, b. Cannell	12
2/Lt. Gilling, b. Pereira	10
2/Lt. Thorne, lbw. Pereira	24
2/Lt. Withall, st. Rumball b. Owen-Hughes	68
1/Lt. Cdr. Cecil, b. Pereira	37
Pte Clark, b. Hall	57
Major Baily, lbw. Hall	37
Major Chubb, b. G. N. Gosano	2
Pte. Sgt. Rumball, not out	99
Extras	5
Total (for 9 wks. decl.)	150

2/Lt. Weir did not bat.
Fall of wickets—1-13, 2-19, 3-64, 4-34, 5-62, 6-137, 7-137, 8-140, 9-150.

Bowling Analysis

R.C.N. Cannell	0	M	R	W
A.P. Pereira	9	22	1	3
G.N. Gosano	10	22	2	2
G.N. Gosano	14	2	47	2
P.A. Hall	4	17	2	1
H. Owen-Hughes	2	1	1	1

RHKDF

L.D. Kilbee, not out	82
L.G. Gosano, not out	50
Extras	23
Total	155

Bowling Analysis

A. Rumball, G. N. Gosano, H. Owen-Hughes, T. A. Pearce, E. P. Dhabher, G. N. Gosano, P. A. Hall, P. A. Hall	0	M	R	W
Pte. Clark	4	18	1	1
Lt. Alexander	4	18	1	1
2/Lt. Weir	4	18	1	1
Major Baily	4	18	1	1
Sgt. Gilling	4	18	1	1

MOVE TO INTRODUCE GREYHOUND RACING TO MALAYA

Johore Bahru, Apr. 12.

One of the most popular sports in Europe—greyhound racing—will be introduced to Malaya for the first time shortly, if plans now in hand are approved by the Johore State Government. The plans provide for a promotion costing about M\$2,000,000 and have been submitted to the State Secretary by a syndicate of Chinese businessmen. The State Secretary said last night that if greyhound racing was to be introduced only as a sport, it would meet with little opposition from the Government. But if the sport involved gambling similar to the turf club, it would have to seek the approval of the Federal Government.—United Press.

Popular Move By HENRY LONGHURST

We all tend to mingle, I suppose, with persons whose opinions are liable to coincide with our own. It may, therefore, be only for this reason that I find myself constantly in the company of people who feel that the game of golf has become an unnecessarily complicated affair.

Such an impression is bound to be fortified by one's first visit to a place already celebrated for antiquity, if a faintly tarnished antiquity, in other directions—namely, Piltown.

Here is the original primeval golf which from time to time is to be found lingering on heaths and commons, with nothing "fancy" about the architecture of their holes, no bunkers and no hope of getting permission to dig them. The hazards are the gorse, the heather, the wind—and the difficulty of hitting a golf ball.

Berkhamsted and Huntercombe are other courses of this order and so, to a limited extent, is Alwoodley. They hold a great attraction for me.

ENDEARING STYLE

At Piltown the clubhouse is on a hope of a primitive and equally endearing style. An ancient farmhouse, its single parlour-lounge radiates an atmosphere of instant friendliness much valued by the golfing connoisseur and quite impossible to produce in a barrack-like country club.

The changing rooms are small closets about nine feet square; there is no running water, and the attitude of the members to any suggestion of modernisation, even of the 18th-century earthworks round the corner at the back, is "over my dead body."

The immense fun of playing this purely "natural" golf again set me wondering whether some of the folk who complain of the high cost of the game (as they play it) would not be both surprised and delighted if they rediscovered it in this elementary form.

With simplicity goes economy. To play the game at Piltown makes one realise how farcical are these sets of irons as numerous as those on a dentist's tray, plus a cabin trunk to wheel them round in.

The odd numbers are certainly enough—though I would not say so if I were a professional trying to sell you a set—and I carry only these has the added merit that you are never in doubt as to what club to take. You obviously cannot get up with the seven, you would obviously go over with the three, so it must be the five. Q. E. D.

I had not realised till reading Mr. Guy Farrer, revealing in "Golf Illustrated" that the annual maintenance cost at Holyake is £23,000, what a burden this item can be. It is useless, of course, to point out that, if the courses were not so big, they would not cost so much to keep up, and that, if the ball did not go so far everybody could have exactly the same game, shot for shot, as they do now, on a course two thirds the size.

This elementary proposition is well known as a bee in your correspondent's bonnet, and as for the golfers themselves, it is equally well known that, while for five days a week a man may control the destinies of millions, on the other two he is quite unable to see that length is purely relative and that the point is not to hit the ball a

yards but to hit it (a) farther than he did last week-end and (b) farther than his opponent has just done now.

So let me offer to club secretaries a small compromise which would save them money to dig them. The hazards are the gorse, the heather, the wind—and the difficulty of hitting a golf ball.

Let them go round their courses and fill in, for a start, one bunker in every three—bearing in mind that for the long-handicap man the game itself is sufficient hazard, never mind about playing it in expensive sandpits.

When they have done that they might repeat the operation and go on doing so till eventually they reach that blissful, primitive state wherein, as at Piltown, there are none at all.

International Football

Vienna, Apr. 11. Hungary defeated Austria in their soccer international here today by one goal to nil, scoring in the first half when Happel, the Austrian right back, put through his own goal in attempting a clearance.—Reuter.

Paris, Apr. 11. Italy beat France by three goals to one in a football international match here today, having led at half time by two goals to one.

France opened the scoring after 25 minutes through Roger Platon but three minutes later Egidio Pandolfi equalised and two goals from Carlo Galli in the 35th and 52nd minutes clinched matters for Italy.—Reuter.

Rome, Apr. 11. Italy and France drew their "B" team soccer international here today, neither side scoring.—Reuter.

Filipino Runs 100 Metres In 10.5 Secs.

Manila, Apr. 11. The Philippine record of 10.5 seconds for the 100-metre dash was equalled yesterday by the Philippine top century-man for Asian Games dusky Genaro Cabrera of Silliman University, during the second preliminary rounds for the Philippine Asian Games track and field teams.

In equalling the mark, Cabrera stepped into the shoes of Philippine track immortal—Antonio Salcedo and Nemesio de Guzman.

Another sensation at yesterday's tryouts was Lolita Lagrosa who, unofficially broke her national high jump mark for women, clearing the bar at 4 ft 9 3/4 ins. The Asian high jump champion, Andres Franco, went above six feet in yesterday's tryouts, setting a new Asian record of 6 ft 10 1/2 ins.—France Press.

HAROLD MAYES Talking Sport

Cockell Would Have Lost Under American Rules

If Don Cockell had fought Roland LaStarza in New York, LaStarza would have won by five rounds to three, with two even. That's for sure. And in the eyes of American observers of the fight in London, the margin would have been still wider.

That is the story, too, which by this time LaStarza and his manager, Jimmy DeAngelo, will have told officials of the International Boxing Club.

It is the story he will also have told to Al Weill, manager of World Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano.

FIRMER STILL

How does that affect the British fight situation? Not at all, unless you realise that it means the dream of three world title fights in London this year—at heavyweight, middleweight and cruiserweight—is rapidly becoming no more than an illusion.

The performances in their last appearance of Randy Turpin and Yolande Pompee rub these two off the slate. The fact that LaStarza and his camp went back to the States ready to carry the "robbed" line to still greater lengths than they exploited it here rules out the biggest and best bite of all.

They were firmly convinced that there is definite one-way traffic on the question of low blows: convinced that if it had been LaStarza instead of Cockell who was warned three times that the fight would have ended in disqualification.

"Lee Savold warned me before I came that if I hit below the solar plexus I should be disqualified," LaStarza told me. "Billy Graham and Teddy Yarosz, both of whom had fought in England, told me that I had to score a knockout to win."

The commission officials (the BBB of C.) told me about all the things that I couldn't do, and finally I decided that hitting to the body would be dangerous to my chances. So I didn't fight my best fight," he added.

PROVING HIMSELF

DeAngelo was a good deal more definite about it all. Not in the heat of the moment but after the Court contest, but just a few hours before he left for home.

"I shall tell Al Weill that it would be foolish for him to bring Marciano to fight in England. With Rocky's rough style he'd get robbed of his title if he did," he said.

That, I feel, will be sufficient, even without the fact that financial returns he could never approach anything like what Marciano can get in the States with the help of television fees, to ensure that if and when Don Cockell gets his title shot it will be in New York.

Is the Marciano contest his next? Frankly, although Don fought a good deal better than the majority of people had expected he would do, there are still bridges to be crossed before he gets a world championship fight—one across the Atlantic.

"Tell Don from me that I'd like to meet him again on some neutral ground—like Madison Square Garden," LaStarza told me.

And I believe that before Cockell is offered as the sacrificial lamb—because in spite of the merit of his performance that would be the situation in a Cockell-Marciano contest—the Sussex farmer is likely to be asked to prove himself in the States, either against LaStarza again, or against another American.

One thing which pleases me from the British standpoint is that Cockell's connections are unlikely to be persuaded to take a Marciano contest for the sheer joy of fighting for a world title. Many times in the past fighters have been induced to take championship matches for peanuts on the assumption that victory could be easy and that the cash which would follow would compensate for everything.

CASH—NOT GLORY

When I tackled Don's manager, John Simpson, on this point, he told me "We'll fight for the title, if we get the opportunity—but only provided the price is right. We're interested in cash—not honour and glory." How I applied such a straightforward attitude.

This much I can tell him. Show me American judges who watched the contest and that we in Britain have underrated our

champion. They insist that he's a better fighter than we think he is, even now.

They also think he could be considerably improved by a number of fights in the States. Simpson himself is aware of the fact that Cockell needs a good deal of work. I know he won't be prepared to allow Don to sit and wait for the possibility of a September contest.

In those circumstances I hope that Cockell will go to the States for two or three fights, because in the process, with repetitions of his LaStarza form, I feel he would have no difficulty in convincing the Americans that he's worthy of a title contest. Right now, in spite of his latest success, I think he has yet to prove it to them.

ETHICAL?

But one thing that I hope will happen at home, above all other

considerations, for the benefit of boxing in general, is that more serious discussions than there have ever previously been will take place with a view to the introduction of the no-foul rule.

A fight is a fight, wherever it takes place, and when it is possible for a British fighter in a British ring to be warned three times without incurring penalties for low blows, I think the time has come for Britain to fall in line and scrap a boxing antiquity.

Calmer than anyone else in his dressing room after his defeat LaStarza really summed-up the whole situation of differing rules about low blows when he asked Boxing Board officials J. Onslow Fane and Teddy Waltham: "Is it ethical?"

Frankly, I don't think it is.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TENTH RACE MEETING

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THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 22 RACES

The First Ball will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the 1st Day and the First Race run at 2 p.m.

On the 2nd Day the First Ball will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon. The interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.).

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 10 a.m. on the 2nd Day.

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Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Times will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72911).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

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Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10 a.m. on the day preceding the Race Meeting for which they are reserved will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 4,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

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Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the 1st Day (10th April) at \$20 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Officers at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 5, D'Almeida Street and 382 Nathan Road, during normal office hours and until 11 a.m. on that day.

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 8th May, 1954, are now available. The cost of each ticket is \$20.00.

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PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards

H. MISA, Secretary.

HOW TO HANDLE THE RUSSIANS

(Continued from Page 4)

he was permanently shadowed by police cars and NKVD officials; all local Kommandanturas were warned of his impending courtesy visits and received him with friendliness and unobtrusive politeness; and such harmless remarks as "Do you like vodka?" or "Is there much to do in the evenings here?" would throw a Commandant into a state of deep suspicion and watchfulness.

Brigadier Dewhurst lists the major blunders of Stalin's regime since the War and believes that Molotov has seen the red light in Europe and is now looking East rather than West. If, he argues, the Soviet Army did not continue westward in 1940-47 when it held so many advantages, would she dare to advance westward now that Europe is re-constituted, strengthened and rearmed?

While the strength of her army obviously eclipses those of the Western Powers, she suffers from many deficiencies. She is short of important technical equipment in the air she has not the technique of strategic bombing; there is no indication that her AA defences are as modern as our own; she does not possess a single aircraft carrier.

He estimates that she is two years behind the United States in atomic development and has yet to produce atomic tactical weapons. Her economic potential in steel, iron, coal and oil is only about a third of the West's, and she cannot trust her satellites. She is scared of America's ability to deliver atomic and hydrogen bombs, and of her technological superiority.

In view of all this it is possible to reach some agreement with the Soviet Union? "If Russia's internal stresses have wrought a desire for disarmament," states Brigadier Dewhurst, "and if she suffers from some, or most, of the weaknesses I have touched upon, then we may find her more ready (in her own strange way) to discuss some alternative to the ruling arms race which Stalin began. And let us, in our dealings with her ministers or lesser officials, remember that we are not dealing with people of our own persuasion, but with persons impelled by complex, which are a by-product of evolution. It is often urged that we should only speak to Russia 'from strength.' But we must also deal with her from understanding."

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They Don't Want Japan To Rearm

New York, Apr. 11.

An American pacifist organization today called upon the Japanese to oppose the rearmament of Japan, but without violence.

The Fellowship of Reconciliation, a religious pacifist organization claiming 12,000 members in the United States, disclosed that it had addressed *one* letter to "the people of Japan" and another to the 23 crew members of the ship "Lucky Dragon" that was caught under a radioactive fall-out near Bikini on March 1.

The letter to the fishermen said their experience was a reminder of "the monstrous threat of atomic war."

"It is with sorrow and shame that we confess that our own nation bears a large share of responsibility for this," it read. "It was the U.S. Government which dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. By a unilateral decision it proceeded to make H-bombs and perform the recent tests with the appalling results. It seeks to induce your own country to rearm in violation of your constitution..."

"It is our hope that the calamity which overtook you may strengthen in the Japanese people the determination heroically to resist rearmament and the consequent violation of their constitution, and that all the peoples may join in thus announcing war."

The other letter, the organization said, was being converted to the Japanese people by a branch of the Fellowship in Tokyo.

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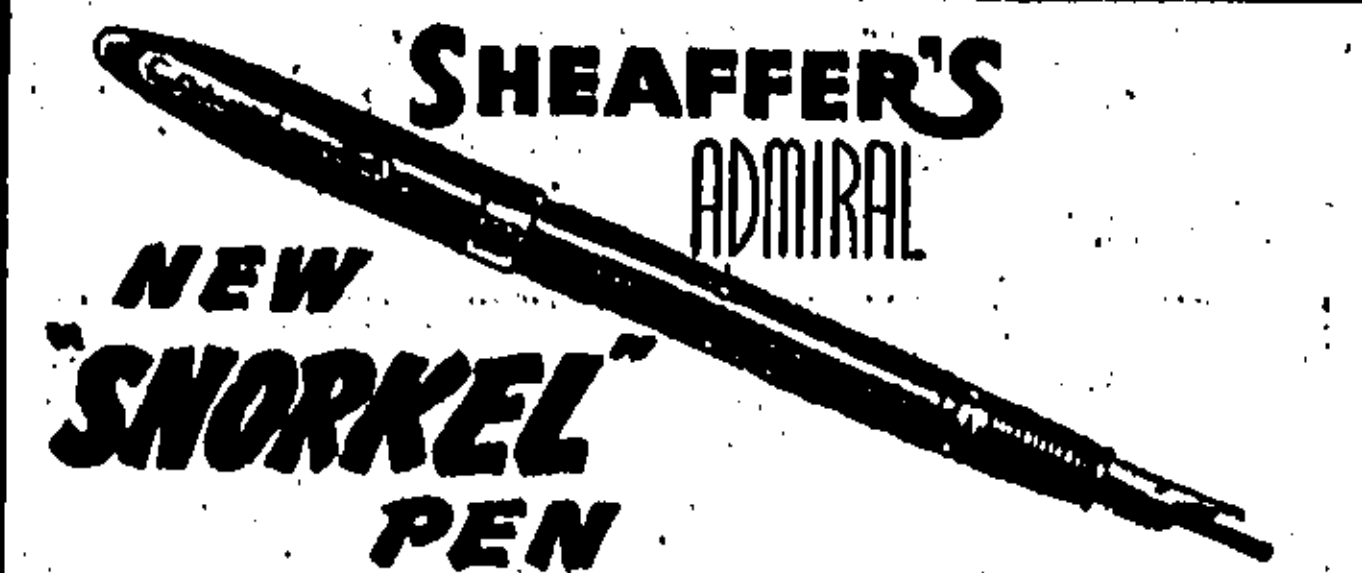
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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

NOTHING HAS HAPPENED TO FILL VOID LEFT BY THE ROYAL VISIT

From H. King Wood

Sydney, Apr. 9.

Somewhat it is rather an empty existence today, but perhaps we have been fed on excitement for too long.

It goes back, maybe, to last November, when the greatest Christmas spending spree of all times began, with the days getting madder and madder until the closing of shop doors on Christmas Eve brought some relief.

Then, on January 2, workmen began decorating Sydney in earnest, a job that kept going with increasing tempo until that lovely February morning when Gothic steamed up the harbour.

We had the Queen and the Duke here in New South Wales with us for a fortnight, and for over six weeks there were new thrills as the Royal Party moved from State to State.

Now it is all over and nothing has happened to take its place. The papers are carrying on a minor sniping war with the police, there's been a couple of kidnappings, a few murders, but nothing in anyway heart-warming like the visit of a Queen.

One interesting aftermath of the Royal Tour is a suggestion that Australia should now be thinking of providing the Queen with a home in this country.

The suggestion came from the Minister who was in charge of the Royal Tour, newly knighted Sir Eric Harrison.

Reviewing the two-months' tour which ended at Fremantle, Sir Eric Harrison said: "Her Majesty is a great lover of horses and the Royal Farms are noted for their stud cattle."

"Why not a Royal sheep stud in Australia? It would be a simple way of establishing a permanent Royal residence here and would also be a world-wide advertisement for our great wool industry."

One thing is certain: All Australia believes that the Queen will be back.

EASTER SHOW

One event which will give us a kick along for the next few weeks will be the Royal Easter Show.

Forty people are organising this 25-million parade of the State's wealth in primary produce and industry and it will be viewed by more than a million people in 10 days and five nights.

Each year entries are always a record and this time they top 30,000—which will more than load the capacity of the Show Society's 7½-acre ground on the outskirts of Sydney. Many thousands of pounds have been spent during the year on alterations and additions in an attempt to make yet more room for exhibits.

Many experts, of course, play a big part in organising the world's biggest show.

Take the wood chops, for example. Getting the blocks for the Royal's famous wood-chops is an art all of its own.

SELECTS TREES

Mr Clive McIntosh, a sawmill owner way up on the North Coast, looks after this department. In the heart of the timber forests of the Great Dividing Range he selects the blackbutt trees which provide the many tons of logs and blocks needed during the Show.

His team of axemen fell the selected logs, trim them into logs and saw them into blocks. They travel down to Sydney with the timber, and in a park outside the showground, trim it down to the dimensions required for the various contests.

Besides deciding whether a tree would be of suitable texture, Clive McIntosh has to estimate the actual diameter when stripped of bark.

Blocks used for any one heat—usually consist of eight axemen—must all come from the one tree. Woodchop timber has to be felled close to show time so that the sap does not have time to dry out. In this way axemen compete on timber as similar as possible in texture to that which they would encounter in the course of their work in the forests.

Incidentally, these blocks, and the huge chips which the axemen bite out with each swing of their axes, go to hospital after the Show.

Last week we mentioned the retirement of Lieut-General

Frank Berryman—now Sir Frank. He was knighted the day the Queen left Australia for his work as Director-General of the Royal Tour.

There has been a persistent buzz that Sir Frank was going to take over an important civil job. He has, it was announced yesterday that he has been appointed to the new post of Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Show Society, a job that carries a salary of £3,000 a year, expenses of £500, and a fairly comfortable home in 7½ acres of ground—the Showground.

It is confidently expected that he will in due course give this organisation a fairly hefty shot in the arm and make future Royals bigger and better than ever.

Something We Never Hear About These Days: The Royal Commissioner's Report on Liquor.

STORMY PETREL OUT
So they finally got rid of Clive Ewall, the stormy petrel of the NSW Labour Cabinet.

Only puzzle to most people is how Clive managed to survive for so long. Whatever portfolio he was given, or whatever outside job he took on he managed to see that there was never a dull moment.

Clive was president of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals—and eight secretaries flowed through the office in two months of this year. He has had double as Chief Secretary and trouble as Housing Minister. Yet, without fail, in elections held among Labour members for those to hold Cabinet rank he was always returned near the top of the list—one reason, no doubt, why Premier Cahill has held his hand for so long.

He finally resigned because the Premier threatened to hand to the Governor the resignation of his Cabinet and reform it again a Minister short—in other words, Clive Ewall.

But all members of the Labour Party aren't happy about the move and are asking what it has done to Labour's chances at the Federal Elections in May.

From all accounts, Leader of the Federal Labour Party, "Doc" Ewall, is particularly peeved about the way NSW has treated the young brother.

POPULAR SYSTEM
Hiro purchase and time-payment debts in Australia are soaring, according to a nationwide survey made recently.

Last December £80-million was outstanding on cars and other goods purchased for personal use.

This figure excludes motor trucks and buses, farm implements and industrial plant, and cars used for business.

The £80-million compares with £12-million in June, 1939, and £24½-million in 1951.

A spokesman for the Institute which made the survey said: "The spectacular growth of hire purchase over the last few years needs careful watching."

"Hire purchase is a natural response to modern economic processes and, if rightly administered, contributes to the national good."

"But the inherent danger should not be overlooked."

Official Slain

Casablanca, Apr. 11.
Zorro Ben Lahoua, a local official, was shot dead in his office in Casablanca today by an assassin who escaped—Routier.

Last week we mentioned the retirement of Lieut-General

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Are you the young man whose jokes I've had to explain for the benefit of my wife and daughter?"

Man Accused Of Murdering Neighbour In Hongkong Flat

A violent attack on residents of a flat in Spring Garden Lane early on the morning of November 9, last year, was related by Mr D.N.E. Rae, Crown Counsel, when the trial against a 46-year-old clerk, Tse Cho-lau, on a charge of murder, began before Mr Justice J. Reynolds, Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Tse, a clerk formerly employed in the Hongkong Electric Company, is alleged to have murdered Tang Yiu-fook at No. 25, Spring Garden Lane, first floor, on November 9, last year. He is represented by Mr Percy Chen, instructed by Mr H. Caine, and pleaded not guilty to the charge.

An all-male jury of seven was empanelled. Opening the case for the Crown, Mr Rae said that the deceased was the principal tenant of No. 25, Spring Garden Lane, first floor, where he lived with his wife and children. The accused lived with his wife and daughter, and son in the rear cubicle and the other rooms were also occupied.

On the day before the incident, the accused refused to take rice which he alleged had been poisoned by his wife. As a result, he was later sent to Queen Mary Hospital and after being examined he was charged and was referred to the mental clinic.

The accused returned home at about 11 o'clock that night, and the whole family retired to bed.

At about 2.45 a.m. on November 9, he was seen sitting on his bed and heard making a similar allegation, but was soothed by his daughter, Mr Rae said.

About 15 minutes later, accused left his bed and went to the kitchen. He returned with his hands behind his back. Suddenly, he produced a chopper and struck his wife. His children tried to intervene and were also attacked, Mr Rae said.

ATTACK WITNESSED

Accused then went to the middle cubicle and tried to attack everyone. In general, Mr Rae said. He then went to the front cubicle and attacked the deceased. He left the room for the kitchen but returned again chopping him repeatedly. The attack was witnessed by several people present in the cubicle and deceased was found to have died as a result of the wounds he had received.

Mr Rae said that the deceased was the only one who had died but there would be evidence given as to the wounds sustained by other people during the attack.

At the time of the commotion, a neighbour, Ng Hong, called an alarm and the Police arrived.

Insp. K. Bodie and Insp. Wilson entered the rear of the floor to arrest the accused. "From the circumstances, the officers acted with tremendous courage to arrest this man who was armed with a chopper."

The accused discovered the approach of the Police and turned back whereupon Insp. Bodie fired a shot but did not hit him. There was a struggle during which accused attempted to

Manlaught Charge Against G. D. Sloss

Opening Of Committal Proceedings

Committal proceedings against Geoffrey Duncan Sloss, 30, of 375A The Peak, charged with manslaughter and four traffic offences began before Mr Lawrence Leong at Central this morning.

Mr W. D. Hobbie, Crown Counsel, appeared for the Prosecution, assisted by Chief Inspector W. Eggleston, and Sub-insp. P. T. Moor.

Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr W. C. R. Carr, appeared for the defence. Mr Yu entered pleas of not guilty to all five charges.

The charges against the defendant are that on February 25 he unlawfully killed Ng Chow; that while driving his car, HK3027, along Hennessy Road at 3.30 a.m. on the same day, he failed to stop after colliding with public vehicle No. 4382; that he drove his car, HK3027, along Hennessy Road at 3.40 a.m. on the same day, driving dangerously at 3.40 a.m. at Hennessy Road outside the China International Motors; and driving while under the influence of drink.

Mr Hobbie informed the Court that at this stage of the proceedings the Crown was not going to proceed with three other charges against the accused—namely two counts of careless driving, which were alternative charges to the two dangerous driving charges, and one count of failing to stop after colliding with a rickshaw at 3.40 a.m. outside the China International Motors.

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FALCONER WINDING-UP PETITION

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Company regarding these two matters.

The position was abundantly clear to his Lordship that after the greatest endeavour to get hold of this exhibit—exhibit which he desired to read to the Court in his opening when he came to deal with Swan, Culbertson and Fritz and which he would say disproved their own case in the matter—that exhibit was being withheld, and if it was not being withheld deliberately it was an amazing chapter of mishandling, said Mr Bernacchi.

Counsel asked his Lordship to make an order for the production of the original exhibit and the necessary copies this morning.

In his submission this was a shocking state of affairs. This case had been adjourned several times already, and they arrived in Court this morning without the necessary documents before the Court which in Counsel's submission was solely through the failure of the Company to produce them or to take the necessary steps.

"I cannot with respect use too strong a language, having to be brought into Court this morning without the necessary documents for which my friends were responsible for producing," Mr Bernacchi said.

Mr d'Almada informed the Court that the two matters raised by Mr Bernacchi reached his knowledge only a few minutes before they came into Court this morning.

NOTE NOT RECEIVED
His Lordship, with regard to the first matter, i.e. the summons which was taken out late on Friday last returnable on Saturday last, were these: That that summons having been taken out and Mr Hampton, being engaged in conference with Counsel on this very case on Saturday morning, sent a message to Mr Comer of the same firm, requesting him to attend at the hearing of this same summons.

"Most unfortunately Mr Comer did not receive that note and equally unfortunately Mr Hampton was not informed of the fact that that note had not been delivered, hence this seeming discourtesy to your Lordship in the non-appearance of any member of Messrs Hastings upon this summons on Saturday last," Mr d'Almada said.

With regard to the matter of these documents being in the custody of the special managers, his Lordship said that both parties had had access to most of the documents in the possession of the special managers, and that of course did not militate against his friend's argument that as they could not be produced before the Court today he required an adjournment until tomorrow morning for the opening of his case, Counsel said.

"I have explained as best I could the reasons leading up to the non-appearance of Mr Hampton for this summons on Saturday last," Mr d'Almada said.

A LETTER
With regard to the other matter, i.e. the fact that Seymour's affidavit two were missing, his Lordship said that upon receipt of the information that the two exhibits had not been included amongst those attached to Mr Seymour's first affidavit, an examination of a bundle of exhibits was made and in that bundle it was found that exhibit No. 47 was a letter addressed by Messrs Hastings and Company to the petitioner, and that contained the information that the two exhibits had not been included amongst those attached to Mr Seymour's first affidavit, an examination of a bundle of exhibits was made and in that bundle it was found that exhibit No. 47 was a letter addressed by Messrs Hastings and Company to the petitioner, and that contained the information that the two exhibits had not been included amongst those attached to Mr Seymour's first affidavit, an examination of a bundle of exhibits was made and in that bundle it was found that exhibit No. 47 was a letter addressed by Messrs 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